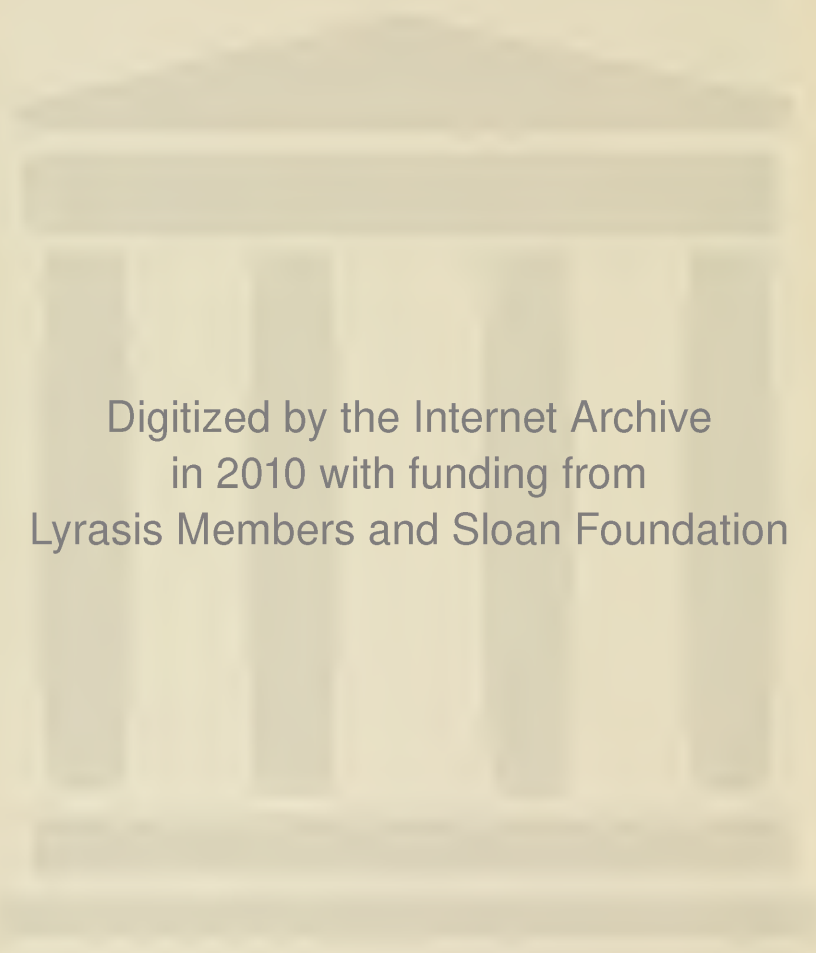


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The Cover

The cover of Publication Number 12 is by James Matheny of Murfreesboro. This Publication has an article on Sewart Air Base and the drawing on the cover shows the heroic action of two Sewart pilots on January 12, 1955. Their C-119 transport plane had just taken off with a load of paratroopers when engine trouble developed. The two pilots held the plane long enough to allow the paratroopers and crew to bail out. Capt. John Raspet Jr. and his co-pilot 1st Lt. Ross N. Richard did not have time to get themselves out and died when the plane crashed.

Sewart Air Base is now closed as an Air Force base, but the men and their families contributed much to Rutherford County and will always be remembered in our history. We gained a large number of former airmen at Sewart as permanent citizens upon their retirement.

The Rutherford County Historical Society is grateful for the work of the authors of these articles in Publication Number 12. We would also like to say thanks to our County executive Ben Hall McFarlin and Miss Susan Jones for their help in getting this publication into a published form.

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- No. 1 HARRIS-GUNN Wiley William Harris b 1808 N. C. m Catherine GUNN, appear in Coffee Co. 1850 census. First son William Lafayette Harris b 11-10-1853 m 5-13-1858 Martha Jane ALLEN (according to their Bible) buried Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro. 2nd son John Wesley HARRIS b 1835 TN m Hannah KEY native of Gibson Co., Ind. John Wesley HARRIS written up in 'History of Gibson County, Ind. (1914). "Mr. Harris member of Baptist church . . . family been prominent in the various localities where its members have lived, and was among the early settlers of Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Penn." Need parents of Wiley William HARRIS and Catherine GUNN (her mother ?CHARLES). Lillian Brown Johnson, 307 Mayfield Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167.
- No. 2 ALLEN-JOHNSON Benjamin Franklin ALLEN b 1815 TN m 8 Aug 1834 Jane JOHNSTON (Johnson) Rutherford Co., TN. Appear in Coffee Co. 1850 Census. Need parents of Benjamin Franklin ALLEN and Jane JOHNSTON (father Thomas or Tommie who lived to be nearly 100 and died after 1885). Lillian Brown Johnson, 307 Mayfield Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167.
- No. 3 BROWN-ROWLAND Lucy ROWLAND b 1808 TN m 12-20-1836 James A. Brown in Rutherford Co. Lucy had brothers Littleberry, John and William ROWLAND. Need ROWLAND parents from Virginia. Lillian Brown Johnson, 307 Mayfield Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167.
- No. 4 RAWLINGS (Rollins) - Wm. Rawlings left will Rutherford Co. 11/18/1828, Inv. taken 1830 and final payment to heirs on 5/1/1848. Wife Sarah Rawlings and friend Martin Hoover administrators. Sarah still alive 5/1/1848, not seen on 1850 census. Believe Wm. b. in Virginia and Sarah in Tennessee. (Was Sarah a HOOVER ?) Children:
Polly(Mary) mar. John D. Fulks 9/8/1824(need birth/death dates)
Nancy mar. Pleasant Jacobs 8/19/1829 (Need birth/death dates)
Mathias(Martin H. ?) mar. Louisa Blair 6/3/1834 ? and Polly T. Hoover 3/24/1842 ?
Picty(BETTY) mar. Archibald Fulks(After Nov. 1828-need marriage/birth/death dates)
John W., mar. Elizabeth Brooks 3/3/1837 ? and Martha Bailey 4/19/1843 ??
Joseph M. (John Marshall ?) mar. Martha _____ c1846 (was she a Hoover? census shows a MARY HOOVER living with them through 1870 census)
Neffie(Nannie Neffie) mar. Wm. B. Mankin c1845? (need exact mar. date, etc.)

Lewis J., mar. Elizabeth Hoover, 9/91838(need birth/death date)
Fanny, mar. James Allman, c1845(need mar. date/birth/death)
Wm. W., mar. Rebecca Tribble, 3/5/1845

1820 Rutherford Co. census shows:

Wm. Rawlins - 410010---31010 (mar. Sarah-see above ?)) BROTHERS ?
John Rollins - 200010---00100(mar. Sarah Hoover, 7/31/1817 ??))

I would appreciate/exchange any info on any of the above. Rawlings may have been from Brunswick Co. Va.--- Daniel Rawlings, b. c1774 Brunswick Co. Va., mar. Clarissa Barnes and he d. 12/27/1845 in Rutherford Co. Tenn. Clarissa still alive living near Smyrna in 5/26/1871 when she applied for widow's pension for services of Daniel Rawlings in War of 1812. She was living in home of Nancy/Jackson Smith in 1860. Children of this couple are unknown, could be parents of early Rawlings men.

1830 inventory of estate of Wm./Sarah Rawlings shows: 13 slaves by name; 6 horses, 1 mule, 7 cattle, 26 sheep, 16 hogs, 27 pigs, 1 wagon, 1 gun and other tools, 7 beds with clothing, 1 cupboard/furniture, 1 clock, 1 table and furniture and other necessary things and kitchen furniture.

Joseph M./Martha _____ Rawlings(see above) had the following children:

Robert S. (1842-1919) mar. Joanna Fairfield c1879, bur. Bedford Co. Tenn.(Civil War)

Dawson, b. c1849--not seen on 1880 census - need any info

M.T.(female) b. c1852, gone by 1870 census(did she mar. Benj. Hoover ?)

Christopher H., b. c1854, still living at home 1880 census. Need any info.

JOSEPH SQUIRE, b. 10/5/1856, mar. widow Virginia (Prater) Fox 3/10/1886, moved to Bell Co. Texas in 1890's, d. 10/16/1923 (My Great Grandfather)

Sarah, b. c1858, not on 1880 census. Need any info.

Thankful, b. 1861, mar. Joseph Larkin Pinkston 12/6/1877, d. 1925 Rutherford Co.

John W., b. c1863, alive on 1880 census. Need any info.

William, b. c1867, gone from 1880 census. Need any info.

Ada, b. 9/2/1870, mar. c1888 J.M. Wood, d. 7/28/1898, bur. Miller Cem., Christiana.

My Great Aunt; Pearl Rawlings b. 1/10/1891 near Murfreesboro is dau. of Jos. S. & Virginia Prater Fox Rawlings and tells me she can remember hearing about the Yankees burning the house & everything in it & leaving "Grandma" standing in the yard with nothing left but a pair of little boy's "britches" in her hand. Was "Grandma" a Prater or Rawlings? Families lived Big Spring/Millersburg/Hoover's Gap area. Would appreciate any info concerning this war time incident.

Mrs. G. L. Neill, Box 103, Pharr, Texas 78577

PRAT(h)HER - Phillip Prater II and Susannah Hubbard mar. 7/16/1775 Guilford Co.NC. Phillip d. 1798 Pendelton Dist., S.C., Susannah remarried Wm. Hammond and d. 1848 Pickens Dist. S.C. - one of their children was Phillip Prather III, b. c1778, mar. Elizabeth Mayfield (c1800 ?) and died in Rutherford Co. Tenn. 10/27/1855; probably buried in Big Spring area. Elizabeth Mayfield Prater also d. 1850-60. Children:

Austin, b. c1801(?) mar. # 1 _____, #2 Martha Woodfin 12/24/1849
and # 3 Harriet Brinkley 8/26/1856(Austin not seen after 1850
census-gone Missouri?)

Celia(Sarah) b. c1802(1860 shows b. Ky.),mar. Herod(?) Burks (When ?)
Polly---said to have mar. _____ Newman

Susan---mar. Nelson Green not seen after 1860 census

Jeremiah, b. c1805, mar. Margaret Miller 11/17/1827 and Jane Baird
4/15/1867 ? - Said to have gone to Missouri. (where in Missouri ?)

Madison---nothing known about this man, not seen on census-died young?

Elizabeth(Betsy), b. c1822,mar. J.H. Freeman 12/20/1846,had Minerva S. 1847
and died?

Aaron, b. c1812, mar. Mary Fulks 3/8/1845(was he in Clark Co. Ark. in 1854?)

Thomas, b. c1815, mar. Celia(Sarah) Jacobs 8/27/1837 not seen after 1860 census.

Melinda, b. c1816, mar. Hance Mayfield 9/16/1835,not seen after 1860 census

Elijah, b. c1817,mar. Cynthia Hail 3/5/1837,not seen after 1870

Phillip Jackson, b. 7/20/1820,mar. # 1 Lavinia Brothers, #2 Isabella Kelton
9/14/1854

John A., b. c1824,mar. # 1 Martha Zumbro 11/8/1843, # 2 Sarah F. Moore
1/5/1856-7.

Monroe, b. c1826,mar. # 1 Caroline Knox 8/27/1847,#2 Mary Fox ? when? and
married # 3 Margaret Crowder 2/6/1867. Not seen after 1870 census

DAVID, b. c1829 mar. Mary Elizabeth Moore 11/24/1857, d. after 1880 census.
(was she a sister to Sarah F. Moore who mar. John A. Prater ??)

William, b. 1832, died at 15 yrs. in 1847.

DAVID PRATER/Mary E. Moore were my Great Great Grandparents. They were
alive on 1880 Rutherford Co. census. Would like to know of burial place/
tombstone,etc. Family tradition states that when David was a tiny baby a
bad storm/tornado came up and his mother held him in her arms so tight that
she squeezed his chest out of shape. Children:

Sallie A., b. Dec. 1859, mar. James H. Eads 1881(when?) d. May 1918(when ?)

Virginia Elizabeth(My Great Grandmother),b. 1/10/1862,mar. # 1 Joseph Fox
9/15/1879 and # 2 Joseph Sire Rawlings 3/10/1886, she d. 5/23/1950
Bell County, Texas.

Margaret(Maggie), b. 1865, mar. J.T. Honeycutt, d. Bell County, Texas.

Mary E., b. 1868, mar. Millard Hickey---nothing known

Udora A.(Dora) b. cApril 1870, mar. Sam Brown---nothing known

Myra Dell, b. 10/18/1872, mar. Lewis Dewitt McRae 3/24.1914, d. 1/19/1953
at Chattanooga.

Need info as to parents of Mary E. Moore who mar. David Prater. Believe her
mother may have been Elizabeth. Father possibly James Moore ? Would appreciate/share any info on any of above people. Mrs. C. L. Neil, Box 103, Pharr,
Texas 78577

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I cannot place the following people in my family lines, would appreciate
any info:

GERMAN D. RAWLINGS/SARAH M. JONES, 5/25/1848 mar. in Rutherford Co.
James L. Rawlings, a Justice of the Peace in 1816
John Rawlins to Sally Hoover, 7/31/1817
Thomas McFarland to Nancy Rawlings, 6/18/1817
Joseph Rollins to Susan Keel, 11/17/1864
James Rollins to Anna Dowell, 6/6/1867
John Johnson to Mariah Rollin, 12/22/1829

Benjamin Rawlings to Sarah Johnson, 8/16/1819
Mrs. G. L. Neil, Box 103, Pharr, Texas 78577

- No. 5 I am seeking the parents of Palexina NORTH CUTT (b. ca 1810 Tenn) who married George W. LORANCE 6 March 1834 in Rutherford County, Tennessee. I believe her mother was Margaret _____? (b. ca 1785 NC), living with LORANCE family in 1850. Could Palexina's father be John NORTH CUTT, Rutherford Co. 1810 census (maybe dead by 1820)?

Also desires information on Thomas K. ALLMAN/ALMOND (b. ca 1785 Va.) and wife Elizabeth _____? (b. ca 1786 Va.); their son, Thomas ALLMAN (ba. ca 1825 Tenn), his wife and children: Thomas B. married Maggie FOX, Martha Jane married James H. FORD, Sarah F. married John G. FORD and Mary Ann married Ephraim L. MILLER. The three girls moved to Fannin Co., Texas with their families, believe Thomas B. remained in Rutherford County. Mrs. Jack Herriage, Route 2, Pilot Point, Texas 76258.

- No. 6 WEBB: I have an 1873 letter from Madison H. WEBB, Posterville, Rutherford County, Tenn. to a cousin, Isaac Blackman WEBB in Farmers Branch, Tex., in which he gives the latest news and locations of many family members. Madison's father was Benjamin, his mother, Elizabeth Whiteside REEVES. Madison's wife was Jane Elinora ELAM and their children were Maggie M. SUTTON, Frank R., Jim, Anderson Miller, and Louella MANKIN. Will exchange information. Mrs. George F. Davis, 5752 Oak Cliff Drive, El Paso, Texas 79912.

- No. 7 CROWDER, ROBINS: Seeking parents of Philip CROWDER who served in War of 1812 from Rutherford County and lived near Readyville. Born 1780 in Virginia, Philip married Charlotte ROBINS b. 1783 in South Carolina, probably Greenville County. Philip and Charlotte moved to White County, Illinois, then Pike County, Illinois, and Philip died Yolo County, California, after 1850. Their children were Nancy b. 1807, Robert b. ca 1811, Massa b. 1812, Asa b. ca 1816, Susan b. 1821, John, Philip b. ca 1825, Stephen, Mary Ann, Elmyra, and perhaps Stephen and John H. Philip's youngest brother was Elisha Alexander Crowder b. Virginia 1784, died Rutherford County 1842. Mrs. Charles H. Fay 5403 Beverly Hill Lane, #1, Houston, Texas 77056.

A member of our society is a genealogist: Mrs. Lalia Lester
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FOREWORD

If variety is the spice of life, the Publication No. 12 of the Rutherford County Historical Society is a fitting intercalation to an afterpiece for Publication No. 11 and an exordium for Publication No. 13.

This edition of the historical records of Rutherford County contains an Apostle John-like account of one who "saw and heard and touched" those associated with the establishment and mission of Sewart Air Force Base. Adeline King, a member of the civilian staff of the Smyrna installation from its inception until 1952, has compiled a significant factual record interpreted with the keen insight of those incidents that make a story readable.

Ernie Johns has supplemented "The Smyrna Air Base" chronicle with a record of the major tragedies resulting in casualties on the Base as recorded in contemporary accounts.

Virginia Gooch Watson has added to the significance of the Smyrna narrative with the story of Goochland, a typical Rutherford County plantation from its founding by Dr. John C. Gooch to the time that the engineers' bulldozers pushed down the mansion walls to start the major runway for Sewart Air Force Base.

For those related to the pioneer families the extensive and laborious work of Sue Daniels in compiling the Index of Wills for Rutherford County wills from 1803 through 1883 is of inestimable research value. Just as the articles in this volume provide an interlude between the legend of Ben McCulloch, the nostalgic Country Store, and the factual record of Murfreesboro as the State Capital and the journal of Soule College in Publication No. 11, it will serve to whet the literary appetite for such stimulating reading as Mabel Pittard's The Coleman Scouts (another Smyrna-related epic), an eye-witness account of Forrest's raid on Murfreesboro, a tome on new stones in the City Cemetery, and other features scheduled for Publication No. 13.

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THE AIR FORCE BASE

By Adeline King

Smyrna, Tennessee
1942---1978

When the Nazi land and air forces invaded Poland in September 1939 and the Low Countries in May 1940, followed by their many months of blitz bombing of the British Isles, the United States recognized the imminence of our country's involvement. The interest in and development of the long-range, four-engine bombing aircraft was immediate and imperative; therefore, bases with adequate runway length and strength, with trained maintenance crews, with adequate instruction and training of pilots for such aircraft was of first priority.

To provide enough pilots, four-engine schools had to be established, to which pilots would come after completing requirements of advanced flying schools. The B-24 four-engine, heavy bomber was the first to be sent to Smyrna for the training of pilots. The B-17 Flying Fortress, also a heavy, four-engine aircraft, followed immediately; and the base at Smyrna was the fore-runner of all four-engine training fields in the country.

It was necessary to find locations for such bases -- flat land, no extremes in climate -- and Middle Tennessee was in early consideration. It is believed that the late Senator Kenneth D. McKellar recommended this section of the State as a possible site. The final selection for this first base was made from the following locations: DeRidder, Louisiana; Jackson, Mississippi; Greenville, South Carolina; and Smyrna, Tennessee. A four-man site selection board, led by Colonel W. S. Wuest, came to Nashville in September 1941 to meet with officials of the State, Nashville Chamber of Commerce, and Major O. E. Walsh, Chief Engineer, U. S. Corps of Engineers, Nashville, to make an investigation of the recommended site.¹ They spent four days checking out the area, and filled a subsequent report to the Air Force authorities in Washington, recommending the use of the

1 Walter King Hoover's History of Smyrna, pp. 540-541

Rutherford County site.

In November 1941, a delegation of Tennesseans, led by Governor Prentice Cooper, and comprised of: Mayor Thomas Cummings of Nashville; Roscoe Beale, Manager of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce; Mayor William T. Gerhardt of Murfreesboro; Rutherford County Judge John D. Wiseman; Dr. J. S. Lowry of Smyrna; Brennus Huggins, President of the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce, went to Washington to sponsor and urge the selection of Smyrna as the site of the new base. In Washington, the group was accompanied and supported by Tennessee's Senators Kenneth D. McKellar and Tom A. Stewart and U. S. Representatives from Middle Tennessee, J. Percy Priest and Albert Gore, Sr. They were given audience with General H. H. ("Hap") Arnold of the U. S. Army Air Force and other officials. No definite commitment was made at the time, but the delegation was not discouraged. "Major requirements of a well-appointed air base were considered amply filled in the Smyrna location."¹ It was adjacent to the tracks of the N. C. & St. L. Railway, and

"The topography of the proposed site was exceptionally suitable and readily adaptable to the establishment of a major air base. The surrounding territory offered no hill masses that might be considered detrimental and, on the other hand, considerable areas of flat lands for emergency landing are well distributed in the vicinity of the site. Surrounding lands offered ample space for expansion of the field and cantonment areas."²

On December 10, 1941, the final approval was given to the State of Tennessee. In order for land acquisition to begin, the State Legislature gave official authorization in House Bill No. 669 (by Ragon & O'Dell), Chapter 164 of the Public Acts of 1941, which specified, as follows:

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, acting by resolution of its Funding Board, to issue and sell its interest-bearing coupon bonds in an amount

¹ Hoover's History of Smyrna, p. 542

² Maxwell Field AFB Historical Division, History of Sewart Air Force Base 1941-1958, p. 2

not to exceed One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing funds to acquire lands in the name of the State for the purpose of State and National Defense, and providing for the lease of said lands by the Governor to the United States Government or to the proper department thereof to be used as a part of the National Defense Program, and providing for the application of any rental received from the United States Government to the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon." ¹

This bill was passed on February 11, 1941, John Ed O'Dell, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Blain R. Maxwell, Speaker of the Senate; and approved on February 15, 1941, by Prentice Cooper, Governor of the State of Tennessee.

(Note: For brevity's sake the very long bill has not been quoted in its entirety; but copies are available for verification.)

The Governor of Tennessee, Prentice Cooper, made official announcement of the final authorization for the base in the following statement, issued January 1, 1942:

"After having spent considerable time making investigation as to possible sites for the location of air bases for use during the present war emergency, the United States engineers representing the War Department, have selected as one of the sites about thirty-three hundred (3,300) acres north of the N. C. & St. L. Railroad in Rutherford County near Smyrna, Tennessee, and have asked the State of Tennessee in cooperation with the City of Nashville, the City of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, and Smyrna, promptly to acquire this site and lease the same to the Federal Government for the use of an Air Base. The United States Engineers' Office at Nashville, representing the War Department, advises that work will begin on this site within 30 days.

"While this is short notice, we are sure that everybody concerned fully realizes the importance of taking prompt and immediate action to the end that this

1 House Bill 669, Ragon and O'Dell, Chapter 164, Public Acts of Tennessee, 1941, Par. 1

site may be acquired and turned over speedily to the federal government for use in the present war emergency. We are in the midst of war for which vast and extensive preparations must be made. Sacrifices on the part of every American citizen are called for , and we are sure the public will respond whole-heartedly to the call of our government.

"There are approximately 35 separate tracts of land comprising this site of 3300 acres which must be acquired. Some of these tracts of land have been in the same family for approximately 100 years. The citizens of this area are making their homes on these farms. Of course, they did not like to have their occupancy interfered with, but we know that they are all patriotic American citizens, that they will realize that wherever these bases are located the ownership of the land at such sites must be interfered with. We know the good citizens of Rutherford County and especially those who will be affected immediately will be as patriotic as any other citizenship in any other locality of any state.

"It is our purpose to see to it that the owners of these various tracts of land are paid the full value for the same and that as little hardship as possible will be brought about to them; but, in view of the fact that this land must be acquired speedily for immediate use of the United States Government, this statement is made public to the end that the owner of each tract of land in the area involved may know at the first possible moment the intention of the State and the cities associated with it to acquire this land at once and the intention of the federal government to occupy it within about 30 days from this date. We hope and believe that everybody involved will accept the situation cheerfully and cooperate to the end that the project will go forward without delay.

Prentice Cooper
Governor of Tennessee

Thomas L. Cummings
Mayor of Nashville

Jno. D. Wiseman
Judge of Rutherford County" 1

In summary, according to this statement by the Governor, the State of Tennessee was to acquire from local owners the acreage necessary and then lease it to the Federal Government for \$1.00 per annum, renewable for a period of 25 years. According to this statement also, approximately 3,300 acres, comprising approximately 35 land tracts, would be acquired.

"A survey fixing the tract boundaries was established and the Register of Deeds of Rutherford County applied certificates of title ownership to the attorney-general's office, which supervised the task of land acquisition and purchase.

"Five Murfreesboro attorneys were appointed during the first week of January 1942 by Attorney-General Beeler to prepare abstracts of title for the property to be acquired.

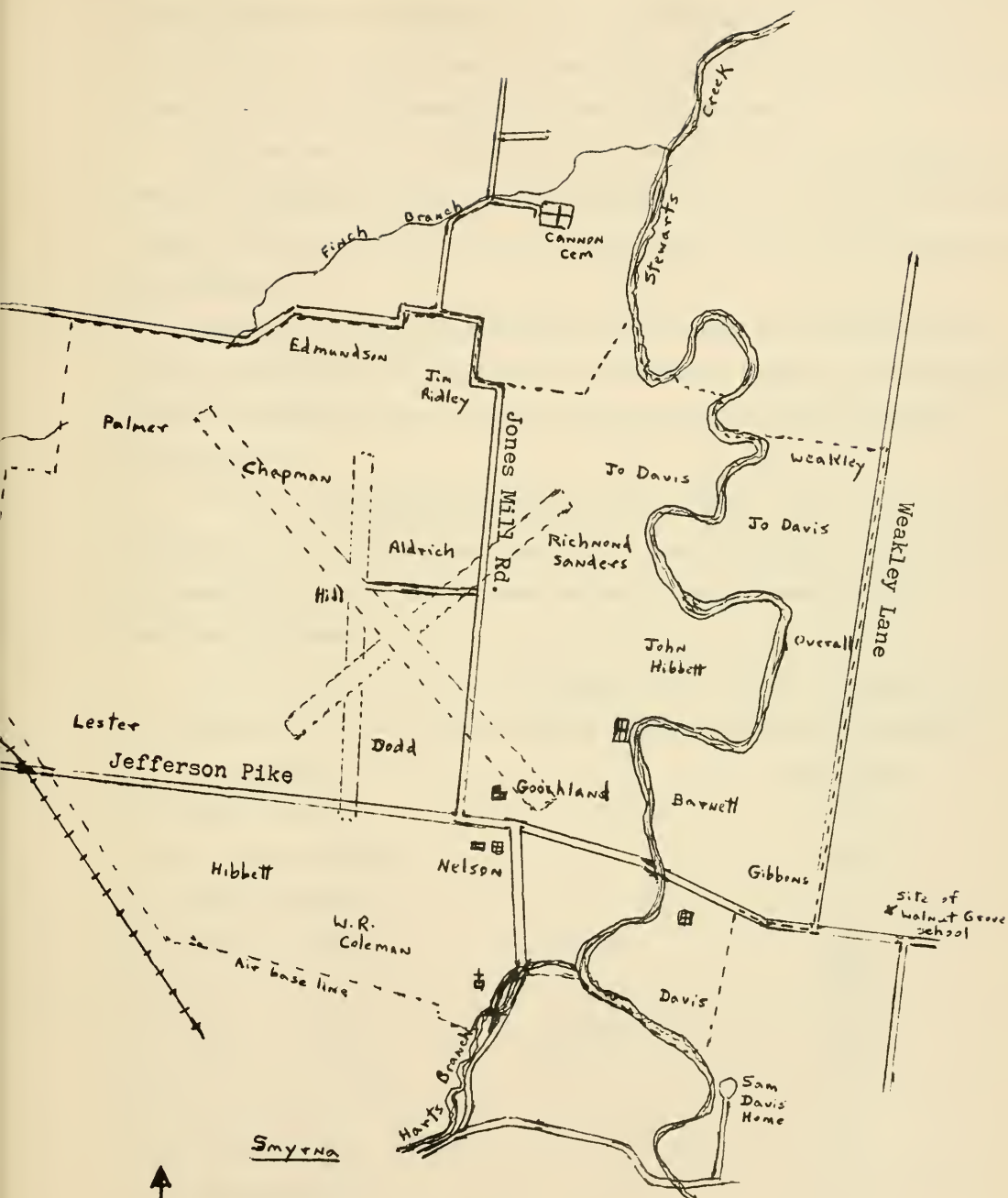
"A special committee, composed of Robert G. Lipscomb of Murfreesboro, Willis Haynes of Nashville, and C. W. Phillips, Commissioner of Highways and Public Works in Tennessee, was appointed on 25 January 1942 to appraise and purchase the necessary land.

"The State of Tennessee was the sole purchaser of the air base property. Governor Cooper issued an executive order 30 January 1942, authorizing fiscal officials of the State of Tennessee to make an appropriation of \$300,000 from State funds for the purpose of acquiring the site for the bombardment base. However, it was found necessary to appropriate additional funds.

"The Nashville Tennessean stated on 19 March 1942 that the estimated land acquisition costs were going to reach a total of close to \$400,000.

"In a letter by Henry C. Foutch, Assistant Attorney-General of the State of Tennessee, to F. V. Kuhn, Office of Area Engineers, Smyrna Air Base, dated 6 June 1942, a summary of the history of land acquisition indicated that forty-two tracts plus a few condemnations represented the total land acquired.

"In a letter dated 8 August 1942 to Gwen W. Hughes, Attorney for the U. S. Engineers, Y.M.C.A. Building, Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. Foutch reported that the



Map showing area of Sewart Air Base boundaries, runways, and some of the houses and landowners.

land acquisition costs at that date had already aggregated some \$367,932.07, plus \$5,636.96 expenses for an estimated price of \$138.34 per acre for 2,649 acres. It is the consensus of opinion that, in comparison with the existing land values, the prices paid for the land averaged a full and fair compensation.

"The State was able to acquire nearly all the tracts by direct purchase. However, a few unwilling sellers took their claims to court; these titles were subsequently acquired by condemnation proceedings, pending fixing of sale values by the court and jury.

"Generally, a spirit of cooperation prevailed among all interested parties and the entire task of land acquisition was efficiently disposed of for the State under the direction of Attorney-General Beeler and his first legal assistant, Henry Foutch." ¹

A story in the Nashville Tennessean for February 15, 1942, stated that, as of that date, 1264 acres had been acquired at a cost of \$169,303.20 for the Army Air Corps Bomber Base at Smyrna, about one-half of the projected \$300,000 to cover the 3,300 acres.

According to the records of the Register of Deeds Office, Rutherford County, the following land owners transferred their property to the State of Tennessee:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>No. Acres</u>
J. R. Palmer and wife	95.0
George T. Fergus and wife	24.28
J. N. Barnett and wife	84.5
Mrs. Johnnie T. Hibbett (3 tracts)	83.5 24.5 131.58
Mrs. Johnnie T. Hibbett (2 tracts)	98.49 7.5
Hubert H. Johns and family	145.48
W. E. Gibbons and wife	82.2
J. R. Sanders and wife	169.0 & 85/160
W. R. Coleman and wife	54.96

¹ Hoover's History of Smyrna, pp.555-556

W. R. Coleman and wife	(7 tracts)	3.7 2.9 2.0 78.3 4.42 59.7
		A small Parcel
John Edmondson		
Mattie B. Edmondson and husband H. R. Edmondson (2 tracts)		77.5 7.5
John Edmondson		
Mattie B. and Henry R. Edmondson		40.0
John, Mary, and Annie Edmondson		
Henry R. Edmondson and wife		
Amanda K. Rucker and husband		
Mrs. Hal Edmondson Hughey		67.39
J. W. Dodd and wife		100.0
Mamie, Susie, and John Chapman		110.96
Carrie Mary Davis Potter and husband		80.0
Joe R. Aldrich		80.0
Louise and Annie Ella Aldrich	(2 tracts)	100.0 10.0
J. T. Lewis and wife	(2 tracts)	.25 Acreage not stated
John Butler and wife		4 or 5
Brad Buchanan and wife	(2 tracts)	30.44 2.0 1.0
J. B. Peebles and wife		2.0
Media Davis Sinnott		
Charles L. Davis and wife		87.5
Media Davis Sinnott		
Charles L. Davis and wife		11.0
Ross Buchanan and wife		5.0
Ben Cartwright Estate	(2 tracts)	12.0 approx.
Jemima R. Ridley et al.		Acreage not stated
George Hays' heirs-at-law		1.0

Kathleen Charlton Hill	164.0
J. O. Lester and wife	98.0
James Gooch estate	2.0
H. L. Overall and wife, and C. D. Moss III	65.8
Robert Weakley and wife	45.5
Jesse Merritt estate	.75
Jennie Coleman Dunn and husband S. R. Dunn (2 tracts)	.89
Perpetual easement over 1.5 acre	
Mrs. S. M. (Josephine) Weakley and family	84.0
Pastor and Trustees of Primitive Baptist Church	.5
Pleas Smith's heirs-at-law	19.8
James H. Moore (<u>Avigation Easement Contract</u>)	8.6
Mrs. B. B. Gracy, Sr. (<u>Avigation Easement Contract</u>) (2 tracts)	18.5
	.4

"Not more than 50 acres were wooded. The area contained six farm houses, eighteen farm buildings, and sixteen miscellaneous buildings of small value." ¹

By March 1942, the contracting firm of Wolfe and Michaels (Memphis), with the U. S. Corps of Engineers, had made considerable headway in the demolition of houses and farm buildings, the bulldozing of trees and fences, in burning accumulated logs and debris from the demolition, in the eradication of any farm products in storage (a barnful of Mr. John Edmondson's lespedeza, a money crop, was poured out and scattered by bulldozers). There was not sufficient time to allow for salvage of anything on the acquired land; it had to be cleared quickly for installation of runways and erection of buildings.

"Despite the generally level nature of the site, some grading was necessary, especially on that portion which had been earmarked for the landing field, in order to make it wholly suitable for the purpose intended. That involved excavating some 200,000 cubic yards of rock and moving approximately 2,400,000 cubic yards of dirt. Seven miles of concrete pipe were used in the construction of

¹ Hoover, Walter King, History of Smyrna, p. 541



Map of Sewart Air
Base and part of Smyrna

the drainage system."¹

People poured into Smyrna, Murfreesboro, the surrounding areas, looking for jobs and places to live, seeking places to eat. A small town of approximately 497 inhabitants was swamped. Temporary housing had to be found; the Meadow Lawns Apartments were constructed; public eating places were up-to-then non-existent; the new Sam Davis Grill was the first to open, and the price of a steak "skyrocketed" to the unbelievable cost of \$1.10.

Large underground fuel storage tanks were installed in the area where once had stood the old First Presbyterian Church, an oblong red brick structure surrounded by heavy-branched shade trees under which the hitching racks stood waiting for Sunday mornings. Incidentally, the bricks of the old church were acquired by and moved to the Sam Davis property to be reconstructed into the present Jane Simmons Tea Room. Another note of local interest: The father of the Chapman family, one of those whose property was purchased for the Base, had come to the area as the first pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

A spur tract from the N. C. & St. L. Ry. line was laid to bring into the property fuel cars, military supplies, and other equipment. Before this was accomplished, it was necessary to bring in the new underground tanks by truck from the main railway line. The tanks were shipped to the rail siding on flat cars. To unload, a truck was set alongside the flat car; another truck hitched onto the ropes encircling the tank and pulled it over onto the first truck.

"Other work of a general nature relative to the site included the construction of a permanent water storage and distribution system; of a sewage system and disposal plant; of an outdoor substation and electric distribution plant; of 12 miles of paved roads and streets; of 4 miles of railway track, counting the spur leading to the area and various houselines; of 4 bridges, including one railroad and three vehicular structures.

1 Maxwell Field AFB Historical Division, History of Sewart Air Force Base 1941-1958, p. 2

"The remaining major structures and installations originally planned for Smyrna Army Air Field may be noted conveniently under the following headings: Airfield; Cantonment; Training; Recreational and Welfare; and Hospital. Most of the buildings concerned, incidentally, were of the mobilization type construction, designed for wartime use only and a maximum duration period of 10 years.

"Airfield

- a) Three runways, two of concrete construction and the other an asphalt-concrete combination, all 300 feet wide and 5,500 feet long.
- b) A triangular concrete parking apron with its base 3,700 feet in length and the two legs 2,600 feet each.
- c) Five concrete taxiways.
- d) One large hangar for base operations and four smaller ones for squadron use, all with concrete aprons and flood lighting.
- e) An airdrome traffic control tower.

"Cantonment

- a) 51 enlisted men's barracks, with a total capacity of around 3,000.
- b) 23 officers' barracks, with accommodation for approximately 1,000.
- c) A WAC's barracks.
- d) 8 mess halls.
- e) 2 cafeterias.
- f) A post administration building.
- g) 4 group operations buildings.
- h) 12 squadron operations buildings.
- i) 6 warehouses.
- j) A quartermaster building.
- k) A commissary.
- l) A finance building.
- m) 14 supply buildings.

- n) A fire station.
- o) A guard house.
- p) A detention barracks.

"Training

- a) 2 ground school buildings.
- b) A link trainer building.
- c) A bombsight_A storage building.
- d) A bomb trainer building.
- e) A photographic laboratory building.
- f) A skeet range.

"Recreational and Welfare

- a) 14 day rooms.
- b) 2 post exchanges.
- c) A general recreation building.
- d) A theater.
- e) 2 chapels.
- f) An officers' club.
- g) A post office.

"Hospital

- a) An administration building.
- b) 7 wards, with a total bed capacity of 207.
- c) 3 barracks.
- d) An infirmary.
- e) A dental clinic.
- f) An officers' quarters.
- g) 2 nurses' quarters.
- h) A mess hall.
- i) A recreation building.

"Over a period of time, the operation of the Army Air Field clearly revealed the need for an expansion of its facilities. Before the end of World War II, therefore, the following additional units were constructed there at Smyrna: a) A sixth hangar; b) two more operations buildings; c) a bomb approach training building; d) a gymnasium (with a swimming pool, an archery range, and a track field in an adjacent outdoor area; e) a theater and recreation hall for colored troops; f) two bowling alleys; g) two civilian housing units; and h) two guest houses, one for officers and one for enlisted personnel. Early in the summer of 1944, moreover, the authorities at Smyrna obtained jurisdiction over two auxiliary airfields. One was the William Northern Field at Tullahoma, Tennessee, and the other was Campbell Army Air Field at Clarksville."¹

In addition to Wolfe and Michales Company, the Foster and Creighton Company, Nashville, was a major contractor in the base construction, with a weekly payroll of about \$90,000.00.

Traffic increased on all roads, paved and unpaved. Families evacuated from their homes (some of them second and third generation residents of their lands) moved to other places in Rutherford County or into other counties. By 1951, a new four-lane expansion of the existing two-lane coinciding Highways 70-South and 41 was completed to accommodate the Smyrna-to-Nashville and Smyrna-to-Murfreesboro traffic of workers and military personnel.

In the six months from January 1, 1942, to July 1942, the runways, hangars, supply and engineering buildings, barracks, etc., were constructed; planes were moved to the base; early squadrons of men arrived; and the crew-training school was activated and ready for the B-24 and P-17 pilot trainees.

Colonel Stanley M. Umstead and Colonel Troup Miller, Jr., were the Army Air Force officers first designated to set up four-engine schools in the United States; and they were sent to Smyrna Army Air Corps Base (later Smyrna Army Air Base; later, Smyrna Air Force Base), as Smyrna was the first one activated in the country.

¹ Maxwell Field AFB Historical Division, History of Sewart Air Force Base, 1941-1958, pp. 2--5.

Colonel Umstead was subsequently named Base Commander, and his residence (and that of many, if not all, succeeding base commanders) was the brick bungalow beside Stewarts Creek vacated by Mrs. Media Davis Sinnott (her property had been a part of Louis Davis' original land holding; he came to Middle Tennessee in the early 1800's from Virginia, and was the father of Sam Davis, local Confederate hero).

Many civilians had been employed in the construction of the Air Base; and many were employed there during the 18 years of its operation. One of the largest civilian groups during World War II was housed in the central hangar, the Base Operations Hangar, on the line. This hangar was the center for the military engineering staff, the civilian aircraft maintenance chief, trained aircraft inspectors, skilled workmen and women in various shops; an extensive Aircraft Technical Order Field (hundreds of volumes covering every physical item of an aircraft structure, with revisions coming in daily), shops for the repair and reconstruction of an aircraft (shop for engine change, for sheet metal repair, for electrical and electronic work, for propeller repair, for radio and communications equipment maintenance, for parachute repair and repacking, and numerous others). Some of the civilians had been turned down for military duty; some were over-age, with sons in the service; one man had been in the Navy and had lost an eye at Pearl Harbor; another man, in the Parachute Shop, Mr. Burns Phillips, Sr., Murfreesboro, had a son on active and dangerous duty in the South Pacific with the Marines; and Mr. Phillips declined to take a day off as long as his son was on active duty.

"The AAF Combat Crew School was opened officially on 4 July 1942. When class-work began two weeks later, 32 B-24's had been flown in from Albuquerque. . . . There were 48 students in the first class, while a total of 700 reported for the seven classes during the year 1942. Training was restricted to the B-24 aircraft until near the end of November when the scope of the work was broadened to include the B-17 Flying Fortress as well. Transition training in the B-17 was discontinued at Smyrna in March 1943 and transferred to Lockbourne Air Base at Columbus, Ohio." ¹

¹ Maxwell Field Report, p.6

Crews were, by the end of 1942, flying their four-leg patterns of touch-and-go over the area. It was often a difficult adjustment for young pilots just out of two-engine schools to make, to fly the more complicated and heavier four-engine aircraft. Once, when a plane came in from the flying pattern, preparing for a touch-down landing and immediate take-off, a young hand reached the wrong toggle switch; and, instead of lowering the flaps as the plane came down near the runway, he raised the landing gear; and the bottom of the big craft scraped the runway, suffering extensive skin and structural damage. There were crashes on and off the Base, some major, some minor, with loss of men and airplanes.

The researchers and writer have not been able to verify exactly how many planes from the Base were involved in fatal accidents, or how many men lost their lives in these accidents. From publications of the Murfreesboro Daily News Journal for the period from May 25, 1943, through January 12, 1955, the following records have been obtained:

The first crash after the Base was opened, in which there were fatalities, occurred on May 25, 1953, at 1:35 p.m., when a B-24 came down 5 miles north of the Base. In this tragedy, 3 officers and 4 enlisted men lost their lives. The accident occurred in a small clearing on the Campbell farm and was witnessed and reported by civilians. The men who lost their lives were:

Capt. Stuart K. Oliver, instructor trainee, from St. Paul, Minn.
(stationed at Smyrna 2 months); survived by his parents, his wife,
and his 7-month-old daughter;

2nd Lt. Charlie P. Harris, 21, student pilot, Franklinton, N. C.;

2nd Lt. Samuel E. Fennegan, 21, student pilot, Fairmont, N. C.;

Corp. William N. Clayton, 19, aerial engineer, Memphis, Tenn.;

Pfc. James P. DeRusha, 20, Roxbury, Mass.;

Pfc. Harold J. Linane, 31, Natick, Mass., survived by his wife and his mother.

Pfc. Thomas F. Monahan, Jr., 20, Minto, New Brunswick, Canada.

Two days after the Base's first fatal crash, another occurred on May 27, 1943, 9:40 p.m. Six men lost their lives, another two were injured, when their plane (B-24) crashed about 1,000 feet south of the Field when returning from a navigational training flight. The plane hit telephone lines, cutting off local communications, caught fire, and was destroyed.

The 2 men who survived were thrown clear and not seriously injured. They were:

2nd Lt. Anthony J. Demetrakopulos, 23, student pilot, Pittsburg, Cal.;

Pfc. David N. Lawson, 27, Louisville, Ky.

The 6 men who were killed were:

2nd Lt. Thomas N. Arrington, 21, pilot instructor, Dixie, Ga., survived by his parents;

2nd Lt. Donald E. Cochran, 24, student co-pilot, Mt. Olive, Miss., survived by his wife Marie;

Pvt. James K. Blanchard, 28, flight engineer, Hammond, Ind., survived by his wife and his parents;

Sgt. James R. York, 24, student aerial engineer, Dante, Va., survived by his parents;

2 other officers aboard were killed; but, as they were from another base, their names were withheld from the press pending positive identification.

On July 10, 1943, at 2:00 a.m., 3 officers and 2 enlisted men were killed when, on a routine training flight, their B-24 crashed near Nolensville, Tennessee, about 8 miles southeast of the Field, exploded, and was destroyed. The men who died were:

Capt. Donald H. Riggs, 32, flying instructor, Glendale, Cal, survived by his wife, 2 children, and his father. (Capt. Riggs was formerly in the RCAF prior to entering the U. S. Army in 1942);

2nd Lt. William H. Garlington, 28, student pilot, Raleigh, N. C., survived by his wife and his mother;

2nd Lt. Carroll G. Gettings, 25, student pilot, Danvers, Mass., survived by his wife and his parents;

Corp. Edward C. Kozuta, 40, flight engineer, Buffalo, N. Y., survived by his mother;

Pfc. John D. Lynch, 22, student engineer, Cambridge, Mass., survived by his mother.

On July 12, 1943, about 4:00 a.m., in a wooded section 2 miles southwest of Smyrna, a B-24 on a routine training flight, crashed. Four men aboard were killed, all unmarried. They were:

2nd Lt. Arthur H. Hunt, 25, pilot, Lima, Ohio;

2nd Lt. Paul J. Holly, 23, co-pilot, Fairview, N. J.;

Pfc. James E. Cureton, 22, student engineer, Liberty Hills, S. C.;

Pfc. Raymond Levine, 23, flight engineer, Dorchester, Mass.

A B-24 Liberator crashed and burned about 8 miles northeast of the Field about 2:30 p.m., May 2, 1944. An explosion followed, and 5 fliers (2 training officers, 2 student officers, and 1 enlisted man) were killed instantly. They were:

2nd Lt. Joseph W. Johnson, San Antonio, Tex.;

2nd Lt. Francis R. Stoikowitz, Paris, Ill.;

1st Lt. John W. Strickland, Jefferson, Ga., Assistant Base Operations Officer;

1st Lt. Aaron R. LaReau, Murfreesboro, Tenn.;

Pvt. Ivan P. Jones, flight engineer, Lindley, N. Y.

On May 12, 1944, at the Field, 1st Lt. J. W. Marshall, 24, residing in Murfreesboro, was killed instantly when, after alighting from his combat training plane, he either slipped or walked into a moving propeller.

On a routine training flight, A B-24 crashed at 8:45 a.m., May 12, 1945, two miles from William Northern Field, Tullahoma, Tenn. When the story was published, the identities of the 3 men aboard who lost their lives were not revealed.

On April 12, 1946, about 2:31 p.m., the pilot of a B-25 ferrying plane was burned and killed in the crash of his aircraft about 1/2 mile northwest of the Base. He was Capt. Charles J. Anderson, Carbondale, Ill. His co-pilot, Capt. Joseph T. Hendrickson, San Antonio, Tex., was injured, sustaining multiple cuts. They had just taken off from the Smyrna Base; developed engine trouble, tried to return to the Base, overshot the landing strip, and crashed.

On January 12, 1955, thirty-seven of the thirty-nine men aboard a C-119 Flying Boxcar were able to parachute to safety as their pilot held the plane aloft. However, the pilot, Capt. John Raspet, Jr., 30, from Mt. Clemens, Mich., and co-pilot, 1st Lt. Ross N. Richards, 30, from Jacksonville, Fla., were killed when the plane crashed and burned. The 37 who bailed out safely at about 6,000 feet were 34 paratroopers and 3 crew men. The accident occurred at Lamar, Tenn., near Jefferson Springs, Rutherford County, soon after takeoff on a flight to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

According to the story in the Daily News Journal, "One eye witness, Mrs. Claude Cox, whose home was about 5 miles from the site where the big plane went down, said she was sweeping off the porch when she heard the plane. She said, 'It sounded funny. Then I saw the flames. It was right in front of me.'

"Mrs. Otis Gavin said she was inside her house quilting when 'I heard the awfulest roar. It sounded like it was coming through the house.' She and her son rushed outside to see the plane 'hit the ground and burst into a big fire.'

"Another eye witness, C. W. Russell, was unloading coal from his truck when the plane hit. He said 'it went into a nose dive and, when it struck, there was a great mushroom of fire and smoke that reminded me of pictures of atom bomb tests.'

"Houston Gavin, 17, said he ran to the scene of the crash, but 'it was in a big way of burning when I got there.'"

There may have been other fatal crashes during the existence of the Base operations, but these recorded are the ones our researchers have found.

Some of the pilots and airmen who had trained at Smyrna later came back after combat duty in the European theater. One of the first B-24's assigned to Smyrna during the first year of operation, a lumbering clumsy giant, served in many bombing missions in Europe, also returned to Smyrna after combat, with many battle victory markings on its fat sides as proof of its service abroad.

"By January 1943, the transition training of ferrying crews had ended at Smyrna Army Air Field. With the emphasis shifted to regular transition pilot training in four-engine aircraft, the school was renamed the Army Air Forces Pilot Transition School (Four Engine). Thereafter until the end of World War II, it took pilots from the advanced flying schools and taught them to fly the B-24 (and, as noted, the B-17 also, through March 1943) The Transition School prepared the trainees directly for operational training units, the link between Smyrna and actual combat." ¹

In the course of that first year, groups came to the Base from many places for training -- from Australia, from Canada, from Yugo-Slavia (the last king of Yugo-Slavia, a teenager named Peter, was here at the Base for a time accompanied by his guards and associates), and possibly from other countries. Assigned to the Base for a short time in 1943 in the radio and communications squadron, George Putnam, radio announcer from New York City, served as an enlisted man. He has been in Los Angeles for a number of years, still serving as radio and television announcer for the NBC network.

Many entertainers came to the Base during those early years. The Field movie house ran two shows a night, with first-run movies, at a minimal entrance charge. Local civilians (with passes) were permitted to attend. They enjoyed the sing-alongs of the nearly all-male audience, especially when one-half of the room would sing "falsetto". Another amusing GI trademark at the movies was that they hissed the villian, cried and whistled at the heroine, booed the hero, and cheered loudly for the director's name.

The local marching band was made up of excellent musicians; their mascot was a huge dog named ALSAB, who strode haughtily alongside the band when marching. Sgt. Earl Baker of the band developed a fine dance band, and a weekly dance was held in the Gym and enjoyed by large crowds. Three men from this band married Smyrna girls (Sgt. Earl Baker married Sara Batey; Sgt. Joe Everett married Ann Hart; Sgt. Robert Brown married Libby King).

"The 76th Flying Training Wing was activated with headquarters at Smyrna Army Air Field in August 1943. One of the 22 flying training wings in the Army Air Forces, the 76th had as its function the coordination of the activities of the several four-engine pilot transition schools in the AAF Southeast Training Command.

"Having been suspended with the formal surrender of Japan in August 1945, all major training activities at Smyrna Army Air Field ceased altogether before the end of the year. The Field was transferred from the AAF Training Command to the Tactical Air Command in March 1946. As of June 1947, it was put on the 'inactive list'. A year later, however, it was given a 'standby status' and was activated with the designation of Smyrna Air Force Base on 8 September 1948. Colonel Hoyt L. Prindle became the first Commanding Officer of the Base and of the Ninth Air Force's 314th Troop Carrier Wing when it was activated there on 2 November 1948.

"For several months after it was activated, the 314th Troop Carrier Wing existed largely on paper. . . .With the gradual increase in the number of personnel assigned to the Base (the total population exceeded 4,000 in 1955), all existing facilities were in use and additional ones were in demand. . . .Since most of the buildings had been constructed for wartime use only and planned for a relatively short period, continuous repair work was necessary to keep them in usable condition.

"New construction at Smyrna Air Force Base following its reactivation included four more warehouses (1953); a Little League softball park (1953); five additional squadron operations buildings (1956); and another fire station (1956). The latter year also saw the culmination of a long-delayed plan to convert the base heating facilities from coal to gas. In 1956, the Air Force announced that it would acquire from civilian owners the Wherry Housing Project, consisting of 600 units." 1

1 Maxwell Field AFB History of Smyrna Air Force Base, 1941-1958, pp.6--10

The list of Commanding Officers, or officers in charge of the Base, follows, with year of entry on duty, and the unit commanded by each:

* Colonel Stanley M. Umstead	1942	Smyrna AFB
Colonel Richard Ballard	1945	" "
Colonel R. Baez, Jr.	1946	" "
Major Frank L. Fenn	1947	Base Inactive - House-keeping unit
* Colonel Hoyt L. Prindle	1948	314th Troop Carrier Wing (M) During his two brief absences (TDY in Japan and Korea in 1950, and when hospitalized in 1952, Col. Norman Van Sicklen and Col. William H. DeLacey served as temporary CO's.
Colonel Marvin L. McNickle	1954	314th Troop Carrier Wing (M) Col. William Lewis, Jr., served 3 weeks on TDY.
Colonel Adriel W. Williams	1956	314th Troop Carrier Wing (M)
Colonel Charles W. Howe	1957	839th Air Division
Colonel Albert V. Andress	1958	" " "
Brig.Gen. Frederick J. Sutterlin	1960	" " "
Colonel L. F. Tanberg	1962	" " "
Colonel William G. Moore, Jr.	1963	
Brig.Gen. Ernest C. Hardin, Jr.	1965	
* Colonel William H. DeLacey	1966	
Colonel Oliver L. Duncan	1967	
Colonel Wayne Matson	1967	

* Deceased

Note: The above-named were the senior commanders and, through 1956, were called Base Commanders. When the 839th Air Division was formed in 1957, there was also a separate "Base Commander" who took care of the housekeeping details and answered to the Division Commander. These were:

Colonel E. R. Bane	1957
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Major Allen Sewart, Jr.

Air Base Namesake

Colonel C. R. Phillips	1960
Colonel C. F. Franklin	1962
Colonel Joseph Sullivan	1965
Colonel W. F. Brown	1967

According to Walter Hoover's History of Smyrna, the following is a record in chronological order the activities and/or operations on the Base from July 1947 to July 1963:

July 1947	Base de-activated. Housekeeping unit only.
August 1948	Base re-activated. 313th Troop Carrier Wing moved here from Texas.
March 25, 1950	Base was given permanent name Sewart Air Force Base, in honor of Major Allan J. Sewart, Jr., Louisiana, who was killed in 1942 over the Solomon Islands. His widow and daughter, his parents, a brother, Lt. Col. Harold Y. Sewart, stationed in England, were present for the dedication. A plaque, mounted on a block of native Tennessee stone, was unveiled and became a permanent part of the Base. (Note: These details are taken from the Maxwell Field AFB History of the base.)

Many local people felt that the Base should have been named in honor of Lt. William D. Neely III, who was killed in 1943 over North Africa, because he was the fourth generation of his family who had lived on land acquired for the Base.

June 1950	C-119's were moved in by the 314th Troop Carrier Wing for crew training for combat in Korea; after combat, the crews returned to the Base.
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November 5, 1951	A quit-claim deed was issued by the State of Tennessee
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to the United States Government, executed as of that date by Governor Gordon Browning, Secretary of State James H. Cummings, and Attorney-General Roy Beeler. From that quit-claim deed, here is an excerpt:

"WHEREAS, by virtue of Chapter 164 of the Public Acts of 1941, the Legislature of the State of Tennessee authorized the acquisition of certain property located in Rutherford County, Tennessee, to be used as an air base, formerly known and designated as Smyrna Air Base and presently known as Sewart Air Force Base, comprising approximately 2,642 acres of land; and

"WHEREAS, by virtue of Chapter 164 of the Public Acts, the Legislature of the State of Tennessee authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of One

Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars to defray the cost of acquisition of said land together with all other incidental expenses as well as another military installation known as Camp Forrest. Said military installations were leased by the State of Tennessee to the United States of America for the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar per year; and

"WHEREAS, the Honorable Gordon Browning, Governor of the State of Tennessee, on 2 March 1949, formally notified the United States that the State of Tennessee was interested in the Sewart Air Force Base being made a permanent air force installation by the Federal Government and, if said proposal was acceptable to the Federal Government, the State of Tennessee would take such action as may be necessary to accomplish the desired aim; and

"WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the authority contained in Chapter 103 of the Public Acts of Tennessee of 1949, as amended by Chapter 103 of the Public Acts of Tennessee of 1951, authorized the conveyance of the property comprising the Sewart Air Force Base, formerly known as the Smyrna Air Base, to the United States of America;

"NOW, THEREFORE, this quit-claim deed of conveyance, made and entered into this the 5th day of November 1951, by and between the State of Tennessee, acting by and through Gordon Browning, Governor, and by, through, and with the approval of James H. Cummings, Secretary of State, and by Roy H. Beeler, Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions contained in Chapter 103 of the Public Acts of Tennessee as amended by Chapter 31 of the Public Acts of Tennessee of 1951, the State of Tennessee, according to the method provided by Chapter 130 of the Public Acts of Tennessee of 1937, quit-claims to the United States of America all of the interest of the State of Tennessee in and to the following described property; but it is specifically covenanted and stipulated that this conveyance shall be effective to vest in the United States of America only such titles as the State of Tennessee has and possesses in the premises hereinafter described, without warranty by and on the part of the State of Tennessee, and that the following described property

is conveyed subject to existing easements for public roads and highways, for public utilities, for railroads and pipe lines, or other existing easements."

(Note: For brevity's sake, the long descriptions of the three parcels described in this quit-claim deed have not been quoted; but a copy of the deed is available for verification.)

Early 1955	The 516th Troop Carrier Group, equipped with H-19 helicopters, was brought to Smyrna. To that date, the only such unit.
November 1955	The 513th Troop Carrier Group was activated here for crew training in C-123's.
Early 1957	C-130's Hercules, supplanted the C-119's and C-123's.
October 1957	The Base was reorganized as the 839th Air Division.
December 1, 1958	The 513th Troop Carrier Wing was de-activated; the 463rd Troop Carrier Wing was transferred here from Ardmore, Oklahoma. At that time, Sewart AFB was the only operational C-130 training base in the United States.
July 1, 1962	The USAF Advanced Flying School was activated to be operated by the 442nd Combat Flying School, responsible for training on all models of the C-130.
July 1963	The 463rd Troop Carrier Wing was moved to Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. The 516th Troop Carrier Wing's operational control was transferred to Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.
March 7, 1966	64th Troop Carrier Wing was activated.
May 1, 1967	The above was redesignated as the 64th Tactical Air-lift Wing
December 31, 1971	As of this date, a quit-claim deed was completed between the United States of America and Rutherford County, Tennessee, for the transfer of the Air Base property from the ownership of the Federal Government. This deed was prepared by the Regional Counsel, General Services Administration, Region 4, Atlanta, Georgia, (Warren G. Moody, Chief, Property Division, Property Management and Disposal Service).

Quoting from Page 21 of the Quit-Claim Transfer Deed, "the property hereby conveyed has heretofore been declared surplus to the needs of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, is presently under the jurisdiction of the General Services Adminis-

tration, is available for disposal; and its disposal has been authorized by the Administrator of General Services."

The opening passage of this quit-claim deed is quoted herewith from Page 1 of that document:

"THIS INDENTURE, made this the 31st date of December 1971, between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting by and through the Administrator of General Services, under and pursuant to the powers and authority contained in the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, approved June 30, 1949, (63 Stat. 377), as amended, and regulations and orders promulgated thereunder, party of the first part, and RUTHERFORD COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee, party of the second part.

"WITNESSETH:

"That the party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of TWO MILLION TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,010,000.00) to it cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, doth by these presents remise, release, and forever quit-claim unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, all those tracts or parcels of land, with improvements thereon, and certain interests and facilities as more particularly set forth below, all situate, lying and being in the 6th Civil District of Rutherford County, Tennessee. . . ."

This detailed document plus notarization, covers 22 pages. It describes the various tracts and parcels of land and includes the following: Main utility lines; flowage easements; railroad spur line; water, power, and telephone lines; water treatment plant; pumping station; sewage treatment plant.

On Page 3 of the document, there is this reservation statement:

"RESERVING unto the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, its successors and assigns, perpetual rights for the use and benefit of the public in its use of the said

airport, a right of flight for the passage of aircraft above the horizontal surfaces over the real property hereinafter described, together with the right to cause in such airspace such noise as may be inherent in the operation of aircraft, now known or hereinafter used, for the navigation of or flight in the said airspace for landing on, taking off from, or operating at the airport; the party of the second part, for itself, its successors and assigns, does hereby agree that it will not erect nor permit the erection or growth of any structure, tree, or other object into the airspace above the horizontal surfaces of the property described; there is reserved unto the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, its successors and assigns, the continuing right and easement to take any action necessary to prevent the erection or growth of any structure, tree, or other object into the airspace above the horizontal surfaces described. . . ., to mark or light as obstructions to air navigation all structures, trees, or other objects that may extend above such horizontal surfaces, together with the right of ingress, egress from, and passage over the land described for such purposes."

(Note: In the interest of brevity, the lengthy quit-claim is not included in its entirety in this record; but a complete photostatic copy is on file in the Rutherford County Historical Association files and available for reading and study.)

A report from the USAF Historical Division and the Maxwell Field Research Branch has provided the following information about the annual cost outlay in the peak years of the Base's operations, along with data on population and housing statistics there:

FACTS AND FIGURES ON SEWART 'PAYCHECK'

Monthly civilian-military paycheck --- \$1.75 million

\$21 million annually, of which approximately \$17.5 million was spent in local communities.

Annual contracts and local purchases -- \$8.5 million

Value of Sewart aircraft -- \$225 million

Value of Base real estate -- \$43 million

FIGURES ON POPULATION AND HOUSINGPopulation:

Military Strength -- approximately 5,000

Civilian Strength -- approximately 420

Military, Civilian, and Dependent Strength -- approximately 15,000

Housing:

Wherry Housing -- 600 Units

Officers: 1 bedroom - 20	Airmen: 1 bedroom - 80
2 bedroom - 50	2 bedroom - 150
3 bedroom - 98	3 bedroom - 200
4 bedroom - 2	

Capehart Housing -- 87 units

Officers: 3 bedroom - 34	Airmen: 2 bedroom - 20
4 bedroom - 1	3 bedroom - 32

Trailer Court -- 76 spaces

Officers and airmen in BOQs and barracks -- approximately 2,500

Air Force families residing off-base (Rutherford and Davidson Counties
-- approximately 2,500

FACTS AND FIGURES ON SEWART 'PAYCHECK'

1. Recurring expenditures which are relatively fixed from year to year as of 1 April 1964:

a. Pay and allowances of civilian employees, inactive reservists, and the Tennessee Air National Guard	\$3,382,000
b. Payments to transportation carriers for shipments of military material and household goods	570,000
c. Payments for utilities and communications	505,000
d. Contractual laundry, education services, and repairs to equipment	171,000
e. Rental of computer system	144,000
f. Purchase of supplies, equipment, subsistence, and POL products	1,970,000
g. Military personnel housing rentals	<u>3,456,000</u>
Total	\$10,198,000

Carried Forward

\$10,198,000

2. Recurring expenditures, but not in fixed amounts each year:

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| a. Contractual repairs and modifications to existing real property | 990,000 |
| b. Construction of new facilities | <u>1,700,000</u> |

Total

2,690,000

3. Pay and allowances to military personnel, excluding Item 1,g, above

17,608,000

GRAND TOTAL

\$30,496,000

After title of the Base property was transferred to Rutherford County as of December 31, 1971, the Rutherford County-Smyrna Airport Development authority was set up for immediate leaseings of parcels or sections of the property and or buildings to prospective lessees. Varying types of small and larger companies and industries began moving in in 1972.

As of April 1978, companies and businesses operating on the Base property were, as follows:

RUTHERFORD COUNTY-SMYRNA AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

Al J. Durham, Director

<u>Industries</u>	<u>Owners or Contact Persons</u>
Airport EXXON	James P. Warren and John Coffey
All American Liquidators	Hickman Duncan
Better Build Aluminum Co.	L. M. Moffett
Browlow Manufacturing Co.	Clinton Brownlow
Capitol International Airways, Inc.	Mack H. Rowe
Carrier Corporation	L. B. Hilton
Gilbert Tank Service, Inc.	Randall, James, and Alvin Gilbert
Centerline Manufacturing Co.	Buford T. Perry
Clover Garden Products	O. B. Elliott
Custom Coach Interiors	Rankin Arnold and Stanley E. Knight

Fiberking, Inc.	Bob Larson
Hytex Corporation	Peter W. Lufkin
International Drugs	Lonnie Smith
Imperial Meats	Bobby Gene Spivey
Kane Industries	J. A. Putlak
Maiden Craft	James C. Epps
Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency	Patrick Wade
Parthenon Enterprises	John Davis
Pat's T. V.	G. E. Patterson
Pete's Bait Shop	C. S. Murphy
Polymer Technology	Don Sundius
Pro Travel Bag	John R. Tillman
Ray's Fabric Sales	H. Ray Emmanuel
Sanford Span Joist	Frank Davis
Smyrna Country Club	Jim Walls
Spaulding Fibers Co.	Lee Rake
Tangent Tool & Die Co.	David M. Saunders
Tom's Supply	Richard B. Johnson
Zorro Bait Co.	Stan Sloan

(Total Employment -- Approximately 1,800)

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE AIRPORT AUTHORITY

(Smyrna Airport Tenants)

Col. Steve Fitzhugh, Director

Queen Bee Restaurant	Mel Corum, Manager
Capitol International Airways, Inc.	Jesse Stallings, President
Fleetline Products	Jim Helton, Manager
Music City International Airways, Inc.	Bob Spivey, Manager
Heil Quaker	Joe Butts, Manager

Stones River Air Service	Ed Lowe, Manager
K. G. Plastic Equipment Co.	Ken Giljam, Manager
Tridon, Limited	Lynn Wurzel, Manager
Golf Club House	Jim Hale, Manager
Tennessee Adhesive	Shirley Farmer, Manager
Safety Equipment Company	Jack Morton, Manager
National Worm Growers Exchange	Jerry Meyers, Manager
Tennessee Army National Guard	Colonel James F. McBride, Manager

(Total Employment -- Approximately 750)

STATE OF TENNESSEE
LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER
COMPREHENSIVE VOC-REHABILITATION CENTER

(Total Employment -- Approximately 450)

A total of approximately 2,000 persons, employed in approximately 43 businesses or operations, were based here as of April 1978. Twenty-six years after bulldozers removed all evidences of a farming life style and construction of a large airfield and military installation had begun, the area is again engaged in civilian activities of business and industry.

Going much farther back in history, the area was once wilderness and home of native Indians. It is not known how long the Shawnee tribe made it their home (they were here when the French explorers came in the late 1600's and early 1700's and named the present Cumberland River with their French word for Shawnee). In the late 1700's, settlers were pushing westward from the original colonies and building their cabins. The area became private property through large land grants in the early 1800's, becoming a home place for many families for the next hundred years, a rural farming community, landmarked by names like "the Chapman Place," "the Nelson Place," "Goochland," "Liberty Hill," etc.

In 1942, the cycle changed with the acquisition of this land for use as a base for training crews for four-engine aircraft; and, finally, returned to pri-

vate use in 1971. These approximately 3,300 acres of land have been used in various ways during the cycles of occupation; and all its occupiers have left indelible influences on past and present generations.

Over its 29 years of activity here, the Base has brought many changes to the community and surrounding areas. It brought growth in business, in home construction, in the development of the school system (In the 1930's, both elementary and high school classes were housed in the old "Rock School" on College Street, with a probable total of 150 pupils; in the 1970's, four new buildings, plus two old buildings and the John Coleman School were full and overcrowded.), and in the general business environment.

Many fine and permanent relationships were developed between local people and newcomers who had moved here and lived here for a number of years. Many of those temporary residents came to call it home and decided to live here permanently after retirement from active duty.

The direct national use of the property has been discontinued, but the term "The Base" will long be a part of the local vernacular.

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GOOCHLAND

By

Mrs. Virginia Gooch Watson
(Mrs. George F. Watson)

For almost a century, the stately home "Goochland" was a landmark in old "District 3" of Rutherford County, Tennessee. It was situated one mile north of the Smyrna depot and one mile east of the Nashville and Chattanooga railway as the crow flies. Goochland was on a knoll about 200 feet to the north of Jefferson Pike with the Nelson home just across the road about 200 feet south and slightly east. Even after 100 years, the old home was a landmark but in a different way. The old era gave way to the new when in 1942 Sewart Air Force Base, with their huge, noisy airplanes, took possession of the entire holdings of Goochland and used the once peaceful grain fields for concrete runways.

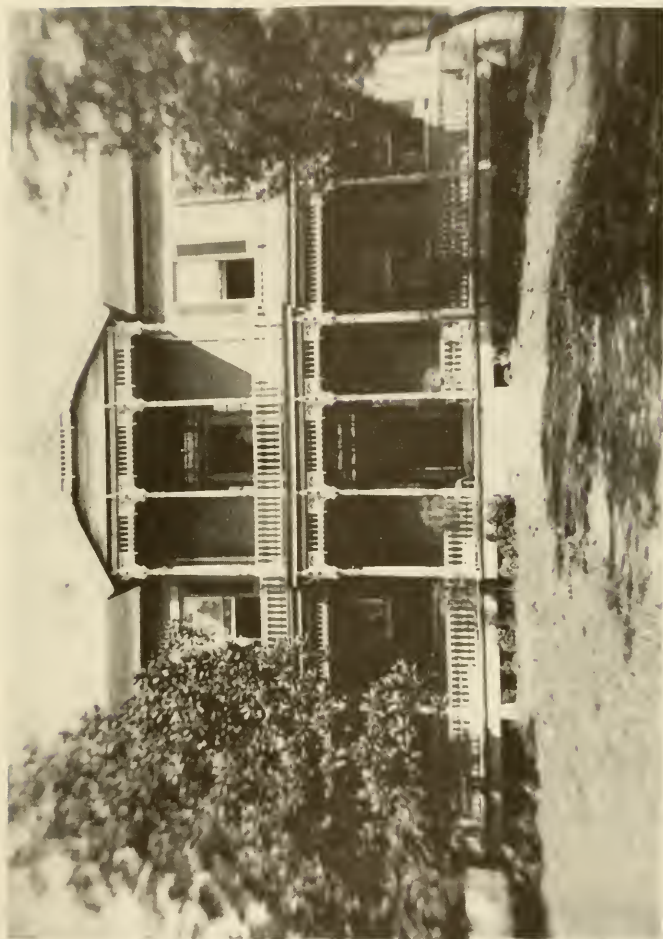
The site on which Goochland once stood is now on the air base northeast of the fuel tanks on the left of the main road going into the Smyrna complex on the back nine of the Smyrna Municipal Golf Course and north of the 8th and 14th tees. The old Jefferson Pike passed in between Goochland and the Nelson home - more precisely, the Nelson home was slightly north of what is now the 8th and 14th tees while Goochland was closer to the landing strips. The terrain of the land at this point was altered extensively to permit the construction of the runways, etc., so today it in no way resembles the terrain of Goochland as it was once. Here, Goochland inhabitants from 1842-1942 enjoyed a lovely view in all directions of green pastures and farmland that surrounded the home.

Today, evidence of the existence of the Nelson home can be found around the tree roots of the big trees close by the 7th green on the golf course where slave-made bricks are lodged. Since Sewart Air Force Base closed in 1969, the airport and golf course are owned by the city of Smyrna.

Dr. John C. Gooch,* the builder of Goochland, was born in Caswell County, North Carolina, 4 September 1800. He came to Tennessee about 1814 with his parents, Nathaniel and Martha (Patsey) Tait Gooch, one brother, Allen Tait Gooch, and two sisters, Sarah W. and Lucinda Tait Gooch. They first settled in Williamson County with Dr. John's uncle, David Gooch. In 1818, Dr. John's father, Nathaniel Gooch, purchased 679 3/4 acres on Hurricane Creek in District 1 of Rutherford County with William G. Kimbro and Major John Buchanan as next door neighbors. Dr. John's father, Nathaniel, died in 1841 at which time his will directs that his land be sold and the proceeds equally divided among his four children. His 21 slaves and their issue were given directly to his children.

The route to Tennessee was rather long and involved before Goochland could be brought to reality. It began with Dr. Gooch's grandfather, William Gooch of Hanover County, Virginia, and later of Caswell County, North Carolina, who was a Revolutionary War veteran. William Gooch enlisted 11 November 1777 for 3 years serving as a Private, Taylor's Company, 1st North Carolina Battalion and Corp. Hogg's Company. His place of residence during the Revolutionary War was the Hillsboro district, North Carolina. William died the 22d December 1802 in Caswell County leaving twelve children, seven of whom came to middle Tennessee in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Dr. John's father, Nathaniel, stayed in North Carolina settling William's estate before heading west to the greener

*Dr. John Claiborne Gooch.



Goochland after restoration in 1895

pastures in middle Tennessee arriving about 1814. He was probably the last of the seven children to come to Tennessee. Dr. Gooch had 3 uncles and 3 aunts waiting for him in middle Tennessee.¹

It is unknown exactly where Dr. Gooch received his M. D. degree, but he was enrolled at Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky, for the sessions of 1823/24 and 1824/25 which completed his classwork required for an M. D. degree at that time. However, his name does not appear on the graduation lists of that school, nor of the University of Pennsylvania, the Medical College of South Carolina at Charleston, Columbia University, or other medical schools of the period. He could not have graduated from the University of Nashville Medical Department as it was not established until 11 October 1850. It is possible that after Dr. Gooch completed his course work, he followed the European custom whereby a man "read" medicine under an older physician. In any event, he did practice medicine and his practice included the areas of Jefferson, Smyrna, and LaVergne and possibly a wider territory but it would seem likely that it was confined to this general area of the county.

Goochland became a little closer to becoming a reality when Dr. John and Eliza Ann Saunders were married by his first cousin, David Rice Gooch, Justice of the Peace, on the 8th December 1831, in Rutherford County. Eliza Ann Saunders's father's given name is unknown but her

1. David, Thomas, and James Gooch who came to Williamson County in 1804 and settled in the Nolensville area, near the Rutherford-Williamson County line. David and Thomas purchased a total of 741 acres on Mill Creek in Williamson County in 1804-1805. James Gooch migrated on into Kentucky; Mrs. Elizabeth (Gooch) Kimbrough and her husband, William Kimbrough, who settled in the LaVergne area of Rutherford County; Mrs. Ann (Nancy) Gooch Benton, widow of Jesse Benton and mother of Thomas Hart Benton, famous U.S. Senator from Missouri; and Mrs. Polly (Gooch) Williams and her husband, Henry Williams, the latter two girls settling in Williamson County.

mother was Mrs. Cynthia Saunders (maiden name unknown). Eliza was born 28 July 1814, probably in Rutherford County, Tennessee, and died 28 April 1877 in Rutherford County, Tennessee.

John and Eliza Gooch had 10 children, 7 of whom lived to adulthood: Robert Saunders, John Claiborne, Martha Tait, William, Nathaniel, John (Col. Jack) Saunders, Allen Tait, Eliza, James Pinkney, and Claiborne Alexander Gooch.

After Dr. Gooch became established in his medical practice, he began purchasing property in Rutherford County in 1836 in different tracts, some of which bordered each other. A total of 2,154 acres 899 poles was acquired in Rutherford County and 299 acres in Davidson County near the Rutherford-Davidson County line. About 1,600 acres of this total was considered to be the Goochland plantation.

In 1842, Dr. Gooch began building Goochland. It was the traditional two-story Greek Revival type of architecture of the time, built of red brick in an ell shape. Traditional in every sense as far as outward appearances were concerned, the Dr. deviated slightly from the traditional construction when he made the outside walls 18 inches thick and the inside load-bearing walls 14 inches thick. The bricks for the structure were made on the property by his own slaves, and it took three years to complete, 1842 - 1845. Dr. Gooch and his family lived in a log cabin nearby while Goochland was being built, and it was in this log cabin on the 15th of November 1833 that one of Murfreesboro's future doctors was born - Dr. William Lunsford Wilson. In Dr. Wilson's diary, he reflects "I was born November 15, 1833, the night of the great meteoric shower or as it is commonly said 'the night the stars fell' on a farm near Smyrna and Old Jefferson, Rutherford County, Tennessee, now owned by the Gooches."



Dr. John Claiborne Gooch
4 Sept. 1800 - 30 Nov. 1853



Mrs. Eliza Ann (Saunders) Gooch
28 July 1814 - 26 April 1877

Portraits owned by Lt. Col. C.M. Gooch, Jr., Clarksville, Tenn.



Tombstone in Cannon Cemetery,
Smyrna, Tenn., of
Dr. and Mrs. John Claiborne Gooch



Allen Tait Gooch
11 Sept. 1806 - 28 Feb. 1883
Portrait owned by Mrs. Catharine
(Richey) Hinton (Mrs. J. Karr
Hinton), Collierville, Tenn.

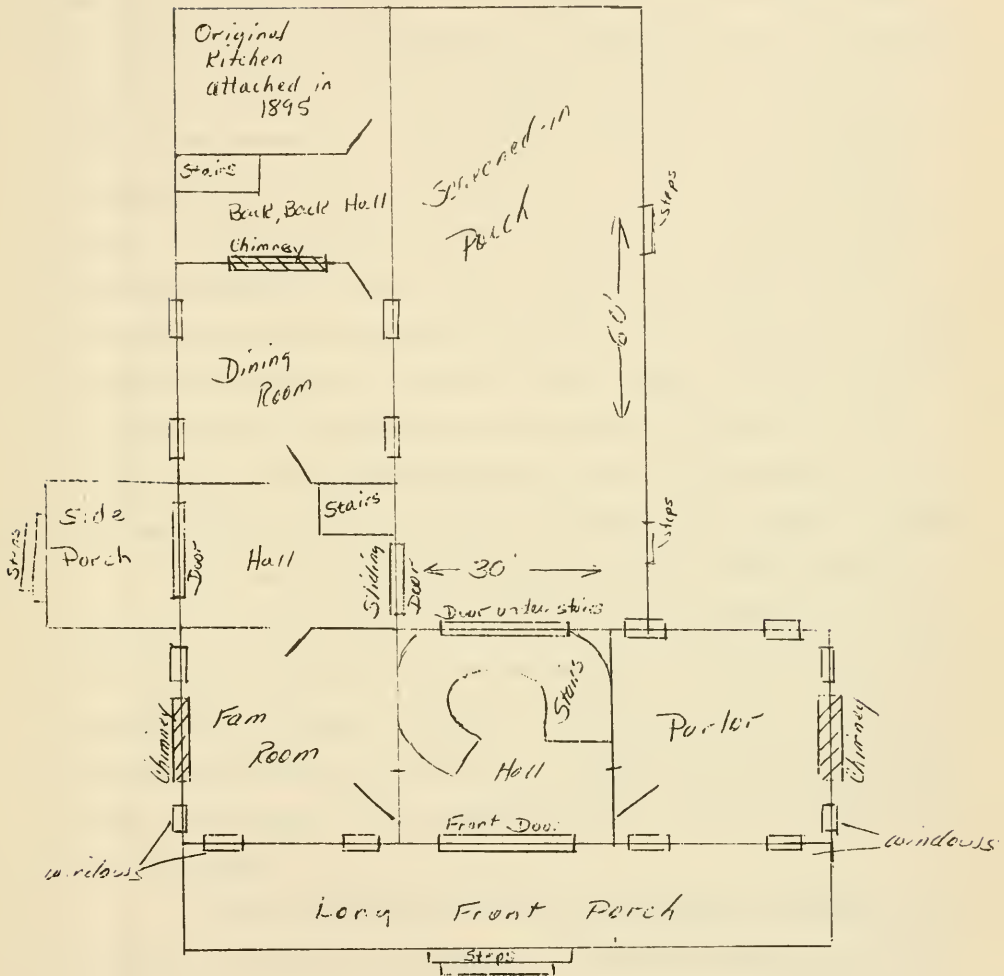


Mrs. Elizabeth Venable (Morton) Gooch
6 Nov. 1809 - 3 Aug. 1865
Portrait owned by Mrs. Elizabeth
(Richey) Stansel (Mrs. Eugene A.
Stansel), Ruleville, Miss.



Mrs. Lucinda Tait (Gooch) Kimbro
24 March 1803 - 14 Aug. 1867
Portrait owned by Mrs. Marion (Pearson) Kinnard (Mrs. George A. Kinnard),
Nashville, Tenn.

Floorplan after 1895 Remodeling
(First Floor only)



The front porch of the home had large fluted columns that extended to the roof line and supported a triangular, ornately decorated, pediment. Entrance to a large center passage or hall (reputedly nearly 30' wide) was through heavy oak doors surrounded by glass on both sides and the top. A circular staircase hugging the right back wall was the access to the second floor. Of particular interest in the staircase was the extremely wide treads and the newel post. Three doors led off the entrance hall - the right door exited to the parlor, the left door exited to what was originally the "family room," and the door directly under the staircase and opposite the front door exited to a small porch. The rooms were approximately 30 x 30 feet with 12-foot ceilings. Behind the family room was the large back passage or hall that ran perpendicular to the entrance hall. Here the back stairs were located. Behind this back hall was a large dining room thus giving an ell shape to the original floor plan.

The second floor had the same floorplan - a center hall with a large room on the right and two rooms on the left, separated by the back hall. These rooms were the same size as those on the first floor, 30 x 30 feet with 12-foot ceilings. Chimneys were located at each end of the home and a third chimney was at the rear of the dining room thus providing fireplaces in every room. The original kitchen was a separate building at the rear of the home.

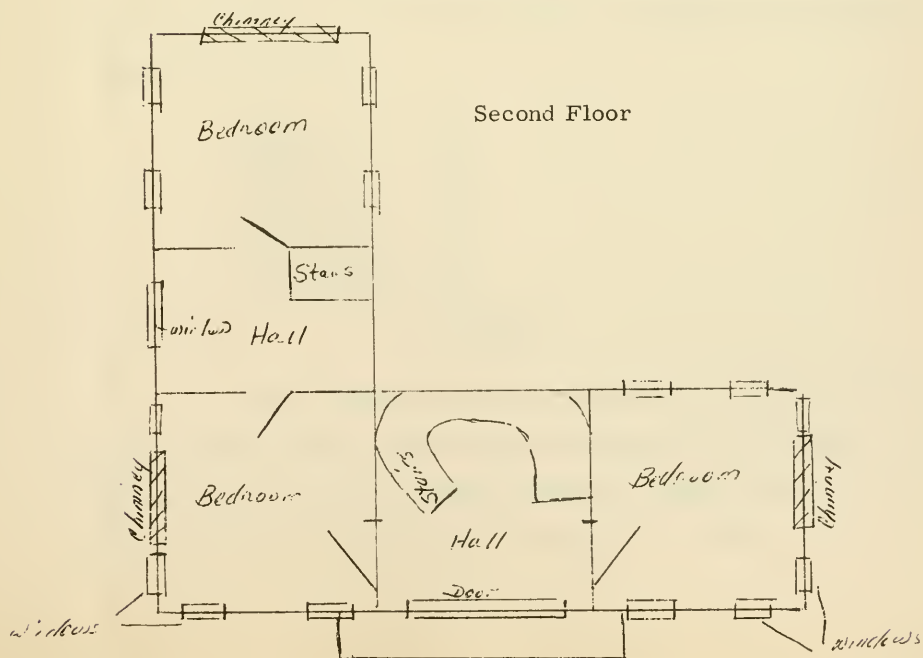
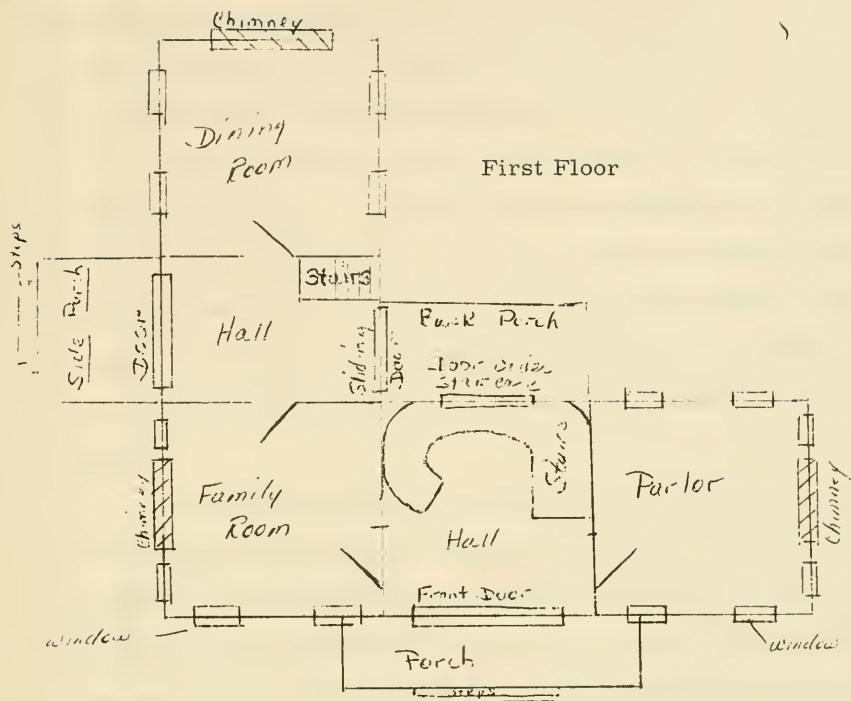
In 1895, the home was extensively remodeled to include porches across the entire front on both levels. To the center portico was added 4 small columns and "gingerbread" lattice work decorated the railings and portico. It is believed that this was when the brick was painted gray or off-white as it was when Mrs. Mary Law (Gooch) Johns (Mrs. Hubert Johns) was living there in 1928. After this time, the gray paint began peeling off

exposing the original red brick. The original kitchen was attached to the dining room on the left side and had a flue added for the stove. After 1928, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Johns tore down the old kitchen and built a smaller one attached to the end of the porch beside the dining room. Between the dining room and the original kitchen that was attached after 1895, there was another hallway, with another set of very steep back stairs. The boys used this "back, back stairway" to have easier access to their room upstairs which was over the dining room. To the right of the dining room and directly behind the entrance hall was a spacious screened-in-porch that was 30 feet wide and 60 feet long which was probably added in the remodeling in 1895. Here, many family and community gatherings were enjoyed. With the double doors of the entrance hall open to this porch, a delightful breeze was enjoyed during the hottest of weather.

The home faced Jefferson Turnpike and had a circular carriage road that terminated on the Turnpike. From the carriage road, a brick walkway led to the house flanked on either side by large magnolia trees, shrubs, and flowers. In the early 1900's, there were two buggy houses, one at each extreme corner of the yard; however, it would seem more logical that the original buggy houses were probably to the back of the home on each side, or closer to the various barns which were to the right and in back of the home.

Two very large rectangular stones were used for steps to the front porch. The date of Goochland's completion was carved into one of these stones - "1845." When the house was razed in 1942, these two steps were removed by Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Johns and are now used as front door steps in Mrs. John's present home in Smyrna, the old Knox Ridley home. The carved date has been turned inward and is not visible on the steps.

Original Floorplan of Goochland



Mr. & Mrs. Johns removed, piece by piece, and reconstructed one of the original log structures from Goochland when they moved. It is now being used as a storage area. The steps and the log building are the only known items that remain of the home itself except for pieces of furniture.

Many of the furnishings for Goochland were purchased in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York, and possibly other eastern cities by Dr. Gooch's brother, Allen Tait Gooch. Allen traveled a great deal purchasing stock for his merchantile store in Murfreesboro, and apparently purchased pier mirrors, parlor and dining room furniture, carpets, etc., for his brother's new home as is evidenced in letters Allen wrote home.

A bill rendered to Dr. Gooch from G. W. Rather reflects some of the expenses encountered in building Goochland. To paint the house cost \$60. 00, which probably was for the inside woodwork and outside trim, hanging 193 bolts of wallpaper was \$48. 25, and the "cutting and gazing 64 side and transome lites" was \$2. 56, totaling \$110. 81. Quite a contrast with today's expenses. The number of bolts of wallpaper hung in each area is also given as follows:

Parlor	22
Over parlor	22
Dining	24
Over dining	25
Family	18
Over family	20
Front passage	31
Back passage	<u>31</u>

193 bolts

Dr. Gooch evidently took an active part in community affairs and education as reflected by various manuscripts that have survived. He was President of the Jefferson Turnpike Company in August 1843 and on the Board of Directors of this company in November of 1845.

A knife, 17 1/8 inches long and 2 3/8 inches wide, is in the Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, Tennessee, which belonged to Dr. Gooch. His name, the date 1844, Commander, and Stone's River are affixed to the label. The knife has a plain, straight and apparently hand-forged blade with a straight and plain handle. Dr. Gooch was commissioned Captain of the 22d Regiment, Rutherford County Militia, 27 February 1826, and was commissioned Colonel and Commander of the 22d Regiment the 3d March 1831. He must have continued to be the Commander of the 22d Regiment as evidenced by the knife and an August 15th, 1844, Flag Presentation invitation. The invitation and note indicate Gooch's company was known as the "Slashers," and another letter reflects Gooch was Commander of the regiment at that time. Although Dr. Gooch and his brother seemed to have been very close, they did not serve in the same militia regiment. Allen Tait Gooch was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in the 104th Rutherford County Militia 22 March 1832.

Being interested in education and the importance of the three "R's" is reflected in a catalogue of Poplar Grove Academy for December 1852 which indicates Dr. Gooch took an active part in the Academy. He was listed, along with J. W. Lindly, the principal, for "further particulars" regarding the school. In a letter introducing Dr. Gooch in Cincinnati dated 11 February 1850 from Robert Morrison of Jefferson, Morrison states Dr. Gooch "is the chief patron of our school and of course a friend of education." The school he is referring to evidently was Poplar Grove Academy. The Academy was located "on the turnpike road leading from Nashville to Jefferson, three miles west of the latter place, on Stewart's Creek, Rutherford County, Tennessee." It possibly could have been on the edge of Dr. Gooch's property itself, or within about 1/2 mile of Goochland. The course of study

at Poplar Grove qualified "the student for Mercantile, Agricultural or Mechanical pursuits; or fitting him to enter the Junior or Senior classes of the best colleges in the United States. " No doubt this is where Dr. Gooch sent his children to be educated along with other neighborhood children. The known age range of students that did attend was from 8 to 16.

In 1844, the address of Dr. Gooch and Goochland was "Poplar Grove, Tenn. " as letters addressed to him during that time reflect. In 1846, he received mail addressed to him at "Stuartsboro, " which address was more frequently used and continued longer than "Poplar Grove. " There may have been a grove of poplar trees near, hence the mailing address and the name of the academy. No doubt, many of these trees were probably used in building Goochland, particularly the floors.

From Goochland, 4 sons of Dr. Gooch left for the Civil War - Robert Saunders, Nathaniel, John (Jack) Saunders, and Allen Tait Gooch. Robert Saunders Gooch served as Private in Co. B, 20th Tenn. Infantry. Captain Nathaniel Gooch enlisted in April 1861 in Co. C, 18th Tenn. Infantry serving as 2d Lieut. He was captured at Fort Donelson in February 1862 and exchanged in November 1862 in Vicksburg, Miss., after which he became Captain on the staff of General James B. Palmer. Allen Tait Gooch left home on the 2d September 1864 and joined the rebels at age 19. Colonel Jack Saunders Gooch became well known for his organization of Co. E, 20th Tenn. Regiments, in Smyrna in the spring of 1861. W. J. McMurray's "History of the Twentieth Tennessee Regiment Volunteer Infantry C. S. A. " has an interesting note showing Goochland property was used for drill training by son, Col. Jack - "After the organization we drilled nearly every day, sometimes at Smyrna and sometimes at LaVergne,

but generally in Mrs. Dr. Gooch's lot on the Jefferson Pike near Smyrna, until June 1861, when we took the cars for Camp Trousdale. There were either 48 or 49 of us that got on at Smyrna and LaVergne; others following on later. "

All four of these men returned from the war and had or have living descendants in the area still:

Robert lived in Nashville, later in Davidson County near the Williamson-Rutherford county lines. From 4 daughters, only one grew to womanhood, married, and lived in Franklin, Tenn. - Mrs. Martha Tait (Patti) Gooch Rhodes (Mrs. James Elbert Rhodes);

Nathaniel studied medicine and became a medical doctor practicing in Rutherford County, later in 1886 moving to Nashville and continuing his practice there. Nathaniel has many descendants, widely scattered, but two of his grandchildren still live in the area - Lt. Col. Christopher McEwen Gooch, Jr., of Clarksville, and Mrs. Jane Gooch Ambrose (Mrs. Henry Ambrose) of Brentwood;

Allen returned home to Smyrna to live but a short while before he died in 1869 leaving one daughter, Eliza A. Gooch, who married and lived in Chattanooga. His descendants are widely scattered over the U. S. ;

Col. Jack came home to Smyrna and remained there, living at Goochland.

Dr. Gooch died 30 November 1853. His widow, Eliza A., continued to live at the homeplace, Goochland, while his estate was being settled, she having received the homeplace and 623 3/160 acres as her dower. His vast holdings and the real estate were finally divided among his widow and children 5 November 1867. The land distributed totaled 2,453 acres 899 poles, 299 acres of which was in Davidson County. The

value of this real estate, after the Civil War, amounted to \$115,882.90. Each child received \$20,033 with the exception of Robert S. Gooch who received the 299 acres in Davidson County, his share amounting to \$15,717.25.

In the division in 1867, the two minor children, James P. and Claiborne A. Gooch, received the homeplace and land with their mother as their guardian. Eliza received a life interest in the homeplace and 637 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Later, in 1871 and 1872, both boys died intestate before they reached their majority leaving no issue having never been married. In April of 1877, Eliza died. These deaths meant that the land the two boys, James and Claiborne, inherited from their father (with their mother having a life interest only) had to be divided among the next of kin. The division was made among the living brothers, John S. and Nathaniel Gooch; Martha T. (Patti) and Susan R. Gooch, minor children of Robert S. Gooch, with B. Gray as their regular guardian; and Eliza A. Gooch, minor child of Allen T. Gooch, whose regular guardian was her uncle, John S. Gooch. Each received $\frac{1}{4}$ share. Nathaniel Gooch elected to sell his $\frac{1}{4}$ share to his brother, John S. Gooch, so that meant John S. would receive $\frac{2}{4}$'s or $\frac{1}{2}$ of the division.

On 4 September 1877, the land was divided equally. The $\frac{2}{4}$'s or $\frac{1}{2}$ share that John S. Gooch received included the home, Goochland and 182 $\frac{77}{160}$ acres.

It seems quite likely that John S. Gooch lived his entire life at Goochland, excluding time spent in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He married in 1864 and there is no evidence he lived elsewhere. His brothers married and left home - Nathaniel to live in Huntsville, Ala., for awhile, Allen T. having his own place, and Robert living in Davidson County, thus leaving only John S. to care for his mother and run the farm.

His mother, Eliza, died in 1877 and both Robert and Allen died before this. When the land division was made in 1877, John S. and family continued to live at Goochland, being a farmer and breeder of thoroughbred harness and trotting horses, Cotswold sheep and Berkshire hogs. John S. and his wife, Evaline (Evie) had one child, Mary (Mamie) Eliza, born in 1865, and when he became guardian of his niece, Eliza, in 1869, he evidently brought Eliza over to Goochland to live there with the family. John S. was Postmaster of the 1st District in 1886, served in the 1889 Tennessee House of Representatives, served as Magistrate, and as Elder in the Smyrna Presbyterian Church for 28 years.

A race-track for the horses was maintained there on the place. The site of the race-track today is on the corner of the main entrance road into Smyrna Air Port and the old Jefferson Pike as one would turn right to go across Stewart's Creek to the Golf Clubhouse. At the death of Col. Jack Gooch, 23 December 1915, the home passed to his only daughter, Mrs. Mary (Mamie) Eliza Gooch Neely, widow of William Daniel Neely. Mamie and Will Neely raised their 5 children at Goochland: John (Jack) Gooch Neely, Will Daniel Neely, II, George Lee Neely, Evie Hume Neely, and Jesse Claiborne Neely.

Some of the Neely children remained in Smyrna for awhile as John Gooch Neely was assistant cashier in 1909 at Peoples Bank in Smyrna where his grandfather, Col. Jack S. Gooch, was president from 1909-1915. John and Lee Neely operated the Livery Stable in Smyrna. Both of these boys left Smyrna as well as their youngest brother, Jesse Claiborne Neely. Jess Neely became the well-known coach and Athletic Director at Rice University for 27 years. After Jess's retirement in 1969 from Rice University, he became Athletic Director of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and is now Athletic Director Emeritus. Jess has many happy memories of his

boyhood at Goochland. The only member of the Neely family that remained in Smyrna was William D. Neely, II, who married Ella Engles.

On 5 September 1927, Goochland passed from Gooch ownership when Mrs. Mamie (Gooch) Neely and her son, William D. Neely, II, sold it to Ben F. Johns (Sr.). After previous sales of property by the Gooches and Neelys, Goochland contained only 145.48 acres when Mr. Johns purchased it. At this time, the property was bounded on the north by Sanders and Ridley, on the east by Ridley and Stewart's Creek, on the south by Jefferson Turnpike, and on the west by Jones Mill Road.

Mr. Johns died soon after he purchased Goochland never having lived there. His wife, Mrs. Helen Johns, and his five children (A. Frank, Hubert H., Ruth Johns McCluskey, Rufus S. Johns, and J. Glendon Johns) inherited the property. Once more a Gooch inhabited the home, as on 2 February 1928 Mary Law Gooch married Hubert H. Johns, the son of Ben F. Johns. They moved into Goochland and began housekeeping. Mrs. Mary Law (Gooch) Johns is the great, great niece of the original owner, Dr. John C. Gooch. It wasn't until 16 August 1937 that Mrs. Helen Johns and her children divided the estate, and Goochland and the 145.48 acres was allotted to Hubert H. Johns and his wife, Mary Law Gooch, and Hubert's sister, Mrs. Ruth (Johns) McCluskey as their share of the estate.

Hubert and Mary Law Johns lived in the home from 1928 until the State of Tennessee purchased the home and property 30 January 1942 for a part of Sewart Air Force Base. The home was razed at this time. Instead of the usual bulldozing to wreck a house, Goochland had to be dynamited in order to tear down the 32 inch thick walls of the structure.

All of the Gooches in the Dr.'s family belonged to the Smyrna Presbyterian Church and many of them are buried in Cannon Cemetery not far from the home. Col. Jack S. Gooch and his family were buried in Cannon but were reinterred in Maplevue Cemetery in Smyrna about 1918.

Dr. John C. Gooch, his wife, and some of their children still remain in Cannon Cemetery today. Their tombstones are still standing but have been badly damaged by vandals.

As was the custom, Dr. Gooch owned slaves who lived on the Goochland plantation. In 1836 he paid taxes on 11 slaves. That number increased to 31 by 1840, and by 1850 he owned 81 slaves. In April 1854, when an inventory of the Dr. 's estate was made, it reflects a total of 109 slaves. In the 1860 Slave Census of Rutherford County, his widow, Eliza Gooch, is shown with 103 slaves and 13 slave houses. Today, not far from where Goochland stood, about a quarter of a mile (now on the right of the main entrance road into the Smyrna Airport), a slave cemetery containing 80 graves remains. This is where the Gooches buried their Negro slaves. The only remaining marker reads as follows: "Edmund Weakley, true and faithful until death, aged 80 years." In 1969, Air Force Sgt. Weymand D. Garmany marked each of these graves with white military crosses which remained there until 1970. At this time the crosses were removed for reasons unknown.

Goochland was in a picturesque setting overlooking rich farmland, pastures, and all of the natural factors that blend to make a hospitable and inviting home to those who pass by. Five generations grew to adulthood in this lovely home, sharing both joy and sorrow. Those who remember cherish happy memories of time spent in this impressive and spacious home.

The writer, Mrs. Virginia Gooch Watson, is the great, great, great granddaughter of Nathaniel Gooch, the great, great granddaughter of Allen Tait Gooch (brother to Dr. Gooch), and the great, great, great niece of Dr. John C. Gooch.

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SOME ACTUAL WILLS OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE 1802 - 1882

by

Susan Garretson Daniel

In the Autumn of 1977 while abstracting some of the county records, I discovered that there were filed envelopes of original wills located in the County Court Clerk's office. These envelopes are the inexpensive sort one would find at a dime store. In the first place the envelopes have a high acid content, which over the years can do terrific damage to anything contained in them. In the second place, the envelopes' limiting size (approximately 4" x 8") had forced the wills, written on large legal-sized documents, to be folded many times which only increased the destruction process. Although, it was obvious from the record books (where wills were recorded until 1882) that not all the actual wills had survived, over a thousand had made the hard journey through the events of history in Rutherford County from the earliest will dated in 1802 to 1882. Some were literally turning to dust as the acids of the envelopes as well as the acids of 19th century inks did their work. I felt something had to be done before the county lost one of its precious legacies from the past --- these actual hand-written documents rich with the history of the people and places of Rutherford County.

I discussed the problem with fellow member, Dr. Jim Huhta. We decided the people at the State Library and Archives in Nashville had the best facilities and expertise for preservation anywhere nearby. So I plucked up my courage and asked for an appointment with the State Archivist, Mrs. Cleo Hughes. I explained why I was there and she immediately applauded my idea that the wills were definitely worth the effort of preservation. She invited her assistant, Mr. Max Mendelsohn and the head of the microfilming and preservation section, Mr. Gene Hollars, to join our conversation. During the discussion we decided on a plan that would preserve the wills and at the same time place their images on microfilm for permanent accessibility by the public.

I next approached the Rutherford County Historical Society whose members unanimously approved the project. The Society would pay the cost of purchasing acid-free folders for housing each will; and, at the same time, approved protecting the most deteriorated wills by laminating them. The Society allocated spending between \$300-500. The State Archives would in

turn, microfilm the wills free of charge if they were allowed to keep the camera negative. One copy of the microfilm would be donated by State Archives and the Society could buy more copies of the microfilm for \$12.00 a reel. Originally, it had been thought that the wills would fit on one reel of microfilm; but, as we got into the project, we learned that Rutherford Countians were "long-winded". We now have four reels of microfilmed wills dating from 1802-1882. State Archives personnel, trained in preservation techniques, would determine which wills needed lamination protection to preserve them from their rapidly deteriorating and destructive process. The only charge to the Society for the lamination would be the cost of the materials used. State Archives personnel would clean the wills, which included the process of deacidification, dry, press and laminate them in their well-equipped laboratory.

The next step was to arrange the wills alphabetically for the microfilming, not a small task. Originally it had been hoped that Middle Tennessee State University students from the classes of Dr. Huhta and Dr. Ernest Hooper would be able to help in this process. However, the project did not get underway until April, 1978, which was near the end of the school year. I had student help for two or three times but after that the project fell into the laps of myself and Dr. Hooper. (We were also assisted occasionally by Mrs. Hooper). On the upper right corner of each will we printed in soft lead pencil the testator's name, the date of the will (DOW) and the date filed in court (F) or recorded (R) if shown. I decided that the wills seemed to fall into four groups. I had thought that we could group the wills according to the dates they had been filed or "proved" in court, but many of them only showed the date they had been written and in one instance no dates at all. It would have taken a great deal of research in the records books to determine the file dates and time seemed important considering their deteriorating condition. Therefore, I decided to make the four groups according to when the will had been written. Some researchers may find this inconvenient; but, since all four groups are alphabetized according to surnames, I do not believe too much search time will be wasted. The four groups are: 1802-1836, 1837-1852, 1853-1867, and 1868-1882. I foresee later an index to all named individuals within each will.

Through all this the County Court Clerk, Mr. Ed Elam, has given us every consideration in allowing us access to the wills. Mr. Elam and I

decided to Xerox all the wills one last time to insure against accidental loss (although great precautions were taken) during the time they were to be away from our County. Therefore, at the County Court Clerk's office researchers will find not only the microfilm reels but also a xeroxed copy of each will. When the actual wills return to the Courthouse (sometime in November 1978) great care will be taken to allow as little handling as possible. If a researcher desires to see the actual will, the county court clerk will make a decision as to the merit of the use on an individual basis.

Arising out of the Society's efforts to preserve these old wills was a plan set forth to the County Public Works Committee to form an Archives for our county. With the promised assistance of the State Archives and the enthusiastic approval of our Rutherford County Commissioners, we will, in the not too distant future, have our own County Archives. We will be able to draw all our old county records into one place for preservation and safe-keeping and by having our records more accessible, at the same time foster pride in our local history and encourage writings on local events and characters. I feel that our country records, these wills are only an example, are exceptional and, despite the waste and destruction of time, have survived till now. They deserve to survive to the generations following us.

INDEX TO SOME ACTUAL WILLS OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TN 1802-1882

By Susan G. Daniel

1802 - 1836

A Section

DOW = Date of Will
 COD = Codicil
 F = Filed in Court
 R = Recorded in Record Book

Name	DOW	F
Adams, William	1827	May 1832
Adcock, John	15 Sep 1822	25 Nov 1822
Anderson, James	27 Oct 1832	(?Feb 1834)
Anthony, John	R: 9 Jun 1825	Apr 1825
Armstrong, Samuel	7 Nov 1831	May 1832
Ashman, Lewis	19 Aug 1819	Sep 1821
	R: Dec 1821	
Baker, Nathan	10 Sep 1824	Oct 1824
	R: 5 Nov 1824	
Baker, William	6 Nov 1806	R: 20 Aug 1807
Barksdale, N. M.	1 Dec 1827	Nov 1830
	Contested: 10 Dec 1830	
Barksdale, William	7 Jul 1834	Aug 1835
Barnett, Jarret	29 Jun 1821	
Barr, Isaac	10 Mar 1804	8 Oct 1804
Barton, David	12 Jul 1815	Jul 1815
Bass, Heartwell	26 Sep 1826	
Bass, James, Sen.	24 Nov 1825	Apr 1826
Baty, James	15 Mar 1835	Aug 1835
Beasley, Thomas	18 Jun 1828	Aug 1828
	R: 5 Mar 1830	
Beesley, John	27 Nov 1816	Dec 1818
	R: 2 Jun 1819	
Bell, James	26 May 1828	
Bellah, Moses	2 Oct 1827	Aug 1828
	COD: 2 Oct 1827	
Berry, James	13 Nov 1814	
Biles, John	29 Dec 1821	
Birthright, Lemuel	21 Apr 1831	Feb 1832
Black, Thomas	23 Apr 1816	Jul 1816
	R: 1 Aug 1816	
Blackman, Polly	13 Nov 1826	
Blanks, Ingram	30 Jul 1825	Jan 1826
Blanton, John	12 Feb 1833	Aug 1833
Booker, Richardson	8 Mar 1827	Jul 1827
Bowman, John	12 Sep 1824	Feb 1829

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Name	DOW	F
Bowman, Joseph	16 Apr 1818	Jun 1818
Braley, Hugh B.	12 Nov 1811	Jan 1812
	COD: 12 Nov 1811	
Brookshire, James	16 Apr 1813	Oct 1813
		R: 8 Nov 1813
Brothers, John	25 Mar 1825	Apr 1825
		R: 8 Jun 1825
Buchanan, Charles	16 Apr 1836	May 1836
Buckner, William (Major)	20 Oct 1811	(not a will)
Burlason, David	28 Feb 1828	Aug 1832
Burnett, Matthew	10 Nov 1830	Feb 1831
Burns, Tarrence	18 Apr 1814	Apr 1815
		R: 4 May 1815
Burrus, Joseph	13 Jan 1819	May 1821
		R: 14 Apr 1821
Butler, Anne	7 Oct 1828	Nov 1828
		R: 1830
Butler, William	2 Oct 1826	Jan 1838
Cain, Martha Mary	5 Dec 1836	30 Jan 1857
Carnahan, Andrew	23 Oct 1835	May 1839
Carter, Burrell	24 Dec 1822	Apr 1823
Carter, John	4 Jan 1824	Jan 1824
Carter, Sarah	12 Jan 1826	
Cason, John	30 Jun 1806	Oct 1806
		R: 5 Nov 1806
Cheatham, Pauline	Oct 1834	23 Jan 1835
Childress, Joel	10 Aug 1816	Sen 1819
		R: 12 Apr 1820
Chisenhall, John	6 Jul 1825	Jul 1825
Clark, Anthony	30 Jun 1826	Oct 1827
Cocke, William	11 Jan 1835	Feb 1835
Cooper, Robert	10 Apr 1833	Aug 1833
Cotter, Catherine	24 Oct 1830	Nov 1830
Covington, David	28 May 1830	
Crawford, Lazarus	29 Mar 1818	Sep 1818
		R: 11 Nov 1818
Crosthwait, Thomas	22 Nov 1815	
Crutchfield, Sarah	5 May 1826	7 May 1826
Dameron, Tigner	21 Sep 1822	Jul 1824
		R: 24 Aug 1824
Davidson, James	2 Mar 1816	2 May 1816
Davidson, John	11 Oct 1821	Dec 1821
		R: 1 Mar 1822
Davis Elizabeth	11 Sep 1809	Oct 1809
		R: 3 Oct 1809
Davis, Lewis	6 Oct 1834	May 1835
Deen, Richard	16 Jul 1831	
DeJarnett, James	25 Mar 1834	(?Aug 1834)
Descart, Henry Maze	R: 9 May 1816	(Inventory of Estate)

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Name	DOW	F
Dickinson, William	14 Aug 1813	Jan 1816
	R: 25 Jan 1816	
Dickson, John	23 Nov 1822	
Dickson, Joseph	8 Oct 1823	Apr 1825
	R: 8 Jun 1825	
Dickson, Polly	11 Jan 1828	Aug 1828
	R: 1830	
Dickson, Thomas	24 Feb 1822	R: Jan 1828
Dickson, William	17 Dec 1836	
Dill, Joseph	21 Apr 1825	Jul 1826
	COD: 22 Apr 1825	
Doak, John, Sen.	17 May 1824	Nov 1828
Donnel, Eden	21 Oct 1828	Nov 1828
Donnell, Elizabeth	8 Mar 1834	(May 1834?)
Donoho, Robert	3 Mar 1836	May 1836
Dovan, William	19 Sep 1834	Nov 1834
Duncan, Marshall	23 Jun 1833	Aug 1833
Earwood, John	26 May 1832	Apr 1847
Edwards, Matthew	27 Apr 1820	Sep 1820
	R: 3 Feb 1821	
Edwards, Owen	1820	Dec 1820
	R: 18 Mar 1821	
Elam, Daniel	1828	Feb 1829
Elliott, Deborah	5 Mar 1829	Aug 1829
Elliott, James	30 Oct 1836	
Elliott, William	28 Jul 1835	Aug 1835
Eppes, Edward	24 Aug 1813	Oct 1813
	R: 8 Nov 1813	
Espey, James	27 Dec 1811	Oct 1813
	R: 10 Oct 1813	
Evans, Thomas	20 Aug 1819	Sep 1819
	R: 13 Apr 1820	
Fagans, John S.	17 Dec 1819	Mar 1820
	R: 17 Nov 1820	
Fagg, Charles	24 Sep 1822	
Fan, Elijah	6 Dec 1813	19 Mar 1814
Finch, John R.	Nov 1834	Feb 1835
Flynn, Cornelius O.	13 Aug 1825	Oct 1825
Ford, John	27 Oct 1804	12 Jan 1809
Fowler, William	25 Feb 1829	
Freeman, Andrew	2 Apr 1825	Apr 1825
	R: 9 June 1825	
Freeman, Miles	2 Feb 1815	Jul 1815
Gains, George	27 Oct 1834	Aug 1835
Gardner, Ulrich	14 Jan 1830	Feb 1830
Garrison, Peter	10 Feb 1824	Apr 1824
	R: 18 May 1824	
Gatlin, Mary	17 Dec 1823	Apr 1824
Gazway, Robert	15 Jul 1812	)
Gibson, James	24 Jan 1835	Aug 1835

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Name	DOW	F
Gilliam, Harrison	10 Jun 1808	17 Jul 1808
Gilliam, Richard	9 Feb 1833	9 Sep 1839
Gillmore, William	11 Jul 1826	
Gooch, Nathaniel	24 Jun 1836	Dec 1841
Good, Elizabeth	29 Mar 1834	May 1834 (?)
Good, John	11 Sep 1832	Nov 1832 (?)
Goodman, George	5 Nov 1814	Apr 1815
	R: 4 May 1815	
Norman, Furney G.	8 Jul 1833	Feb 1834
Green, John	17 Feb 1826	Jan 1828
	R: 1830	
Gregory, Edwin (Statement of Witnesses)	R: 11 Oct 1836	
Grigg, Lewis	19 Jan 1835	
Hall, Thomas	28 Apr 1830	Aug 1832
Hamilton, Mary	12 Mar 1830	Nov 1830
Hampton, John	1 May 1817	Mar 1818
Harris, Archibald	9 Jan 1823	Apr 1823
	R: 28 June 1823	
Hart, Mark	8 Aug 1835	May 1835
Hayes, Adam	13 Aug 1831	Nov 1832
Haynes, Philadelphia	15 Nov 1828	May 1829
Hedgpeth, John	20 Jul 1830	Aug 1835
Henderson, Samuel	16 May 1818	Dec 1820
	R: 22 May 1821	
Hibbett (?), Elizabeth	5 Apr 1834	May 1834 (?)
Hill, William	26/28 Feb 1816	Apr 1816
	R: 7 May 1816	
Hogwood, Ransom	9 Aug 1827	
Horne, Elizabeth	5 Jun 1828	Nov 1828
Hoskins, Thomas C.	19 Nov 1836	Jul 1839
	COD: 8 Jan 1839	
Howell, Gwin	24 Jul 1812	Jul 1815
Huggins, Robert D.	25 Apr 1836	Sep 1836
Hunt, Matthew	2 Sep 1828	Feb 1832
Hutcheson, Sarah	20 Feb 1831	May 1832
Ivie, Sterling	4 May 1830	R: 1830
James, John, Sen.	3 Nov 1834	Nov 1840
Jarratt, Archilus	6 Dec 1830	Feb 1831
Johns, Abner	16 Jun 1825	Jul 1825
Johns, Edmund	20 Mar 1811	Oct 1811
	R: 24 Feb 1812	
Johns, Mary	26 Nov 1818	Mar 1819
	R: 4 Oct 1820	
Johnson, James	20 Jan 1826	May 1828
Johnson, William	19 Jan 1816	Apr 1816
	Contested: 28 Feb 1816	R: 9 May 1816
Johnson, John	29 May 1819	Apr 1825
	R: 8 Jun 1825	

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Name	DOW	F
Jones, Ezra	26 Apr 1834	May 1839
Jordan, Alexander	10 Sep 1824	Oct 1824
	R: 5 Nov 1824	
Keas, David	22 Mar 1817	Mar 1818
Keeble, Walter, Sen.	8 July 1811	Jan 1815
	R: 10 Aug 1815	
Kelton, Elizabeth	22 Sep 1829	
Keys, John	25 Apr 1816	July 1816
	R: 25 July 1816	
Kimbrow, William G.	4 Sep 1824	Jan 1825
Kindrick, Thomas	17 July 1833	Aug 1833
Kirk, John	9 Oct 1822	
Knight, John	21 Dec 1831	Feb 1832
Knox, Joseph	9 Mar 1834	Aug 1835
Knox, Squire	24 Feb 1816	Apr 1816
	R: 8 May 1816	
Lane, Sally	23 Sep 1834	Feb 1835
Lanier, Lemuel	28 Feb 1817	Apr 1817
	R: 7 Aug 1817	
Ledbetter, David	13 July 1824	Oct 1824
	R: 5 Nov 1824	
Ledbetter, Isaac	31 Dec 1818	Mar 1819
	R: 2 Aug 1820	
Lewis, Martha (Patsy)	9 Sep 1835	Apr 1844
Loftin, William	17 June 1811	Oct 1811
Lowe, Charles	23 Apr 1830/36(?)	May 1835
Lytle, William, Sen.	24 Feb 1825	
Macklin, James	21 Nov 1818	Dec 1819
	R: 19 Apr 1820	
Manning, William	25 Feb 1815	R: 9 May 1816
Marable, Henry H.	27 June 1831	Nov 1833
Marable, Travis	16 Aug 1824	Oct 1825
Martin, James	10 Sep 1825	Jul 1827
Martin, Josias	12 Sep 1835	Aug 1835
Mason, Coleman	3 Feb 1819	June 1819
	R: 7 Oct 1820	
Mason, James J.	16 June 1816	Oct 1816
Mathis, James	30 June 1826	F: July 1829 Ruth. Co. F: 24 May 1827 Jefferson Co., Ky.
Maxwell, James J.	18 Dec 1828	Jan 1828
Miller, Isaac	4 July 1833	Oct 1844
Miller, John	17 Oct 1819	Dec 1819
	R: 18 Apr 1820	
Miller, William P.	1 June 1832	Aug 1832
Montgomery, Hugh	23 Feb 1820	July 1826
Moody, Samuel	9 Sep 1815	Apr 1816
	R: 7 May 1816	
Moore, David	7 Mar 1820	

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Name	DOW	F
Moore, James	11 May 1831	June 1839
Moore, Margaret	28 Feb 1825	July 1825
Morris, William	20 Nov 1817	Dec 1819
Morton, Catharine	22 Sep 1826	July 1827
Morton, James	28 Feb 1807	Oct 1808
	R: 21 Nov 1808	
Morton, Joseph	29 Nov 1822	Jan 1823
	R: 11 Mar 1823	
Morton, Nancy	19 June 1820	July 1823
	R: 12 Sep 1823	
Moseby, Jane	14 Nov 1833	May 1835
Mullins, Joel	12 June 1834	Feb 1835
McAlhatton, Mary	18 Dec 1829	Feb 1830
McCaib, Andrew	25 May 1828	
McCoy, Beaty	16 Feb 1814	Apr 1816
	R: 7 May 1816	
McCoy, Sherard	19 May 1834	Nov 1834 (?)
McEwen, James	26 June 1814	Apr 1815
	R: 31 May 1815	
McFarlin, Benjamin	6 Dec 1828	Feb 1829
McFarlin, William	1824	Apr 1824
	R: 18 May 1824	
McGill, James	11 July 1833	Aug 1833
McGregor, Joann	18 July 1835	Aug 1835
McHenry, John	None	July 1823
	R: 12 Sep 1823	
McIver, Evanuer	11 Sep 1828	Oct 1828
McKeen, Alexander	6 Aug 1825	Oct 1825
McKnight, Eleanor	3 May 1825	Jan 1828
McKnight, James	24 Mar 1817	
McKnight, William, Sen.	14 Dec 1830	
Nelson, Humphrey	24 July 1813	19 Mar 1814
Nelson, Pleasant A.	7 Jan 1831	Aug 1831
Nicholas, Joseph	7 Nov 1824	24 Feb 1826
Nickson, William	15 Apr 1819	Dec 1819
	R: 18 Apr 1820	
Norman, John	12 Nov 1808	Jan 1809
	R: 12 Jan 1809	
Norman, Thomas	28 July 1827	Jan 1828
North, William	2 Aug 1831	Aug 1833
Oden, Thomas A.	Deceased: 1 Feb 1827	F: 9 Feb 1827
Overall, Nathaniel	23 Oct 1835	Nov 1835
Parish, George W.	7 Oct 1832	Nov 1833
Parker, Joel	19 May 1836	Sep 1836
Parks, John	24 Aug 1829	Nov 1829
Patrick, James D.	14 Feb 1831	1831
Patrick, Jesse	25 Mar 1820	June 1820
	R: 18 Oct 1820	
Patterson, James	1 Oct 1830	

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Name	DOW	F
Paul, Asa	2 Feb 1818	Sep 1818
	R: 12 Nov 1818	
Penn, Martha	23 Jan 1828	May 1828
Poe, Jonathan	26 Feb 1816	June 1818
Powell, Rebecca	20 Dec 1826	Jan 1827
Price, Francis Dunnington	No dates	
Price, John	17 Jan 1806	July 1806
	R: 29 Sep 1806	
Puckett, Arthur	6 Nov 1826	
Puckett, Nathaniel	10 Oct 1836	June 1842
Pullen, Thomas	4 Aug 1820	June 1821
	R: 4 Dec 1821	
Rainey, Allen	24 June 1831	
Randolph, Harrison	25 Jan 1834	Nov 1835
Randolph, Mary	17 Mar 1827	July 1827
Rankin, Alexander	3 June 1835	Aug 1835
Rankin, David	18 Feb 1827	Feb 1831
Ransom, William	2 Feb 1816	Apr 1816
	R: 9 May 1816	
Rawlings, William	18 Nov 1826	Apr 1827
Read, John Nash	15 Nov 1825	Jan 1826
Revel, Isham	17 Aug 1833	Aug 1836
Richardson, William	9 Nov 1831	May 1833
Ridley, Henry	22 July 1835	Aug 1835
Roberson, Thomas	31 Mar 1830	Nov 1830
Roberts, William	20 Oct 1811	Jan 1812
Robertson, William	19 Oct 1802	Feb 1808
Robertson, William B.	19 Mar 1836	Feb 1839
Robinson, Henry	16 Nov 1821	
Rogers, David	6 Jan 1813	Apr 1813
Rowton, William	22 Oct 1827	Aug 1829
Rucker, James	14 July 1819	Sep 1819
	R: 12 Apr 1820	
Sagg, John	22 May 1826	Oct 1827
Searcy, Anderson	17 Jan 1832	Feb 1832
Seat, Margaret	15 Feb 1823	July 1823
	R: 13 Sep 1823	
Sharpe, Rachel	2 Apr 1823	Oct 1824
Sherwood, Benjamin	9 July 1826	
Sherwood, Hugh	26 Sep 1827	Aug 1829
	R: 1830	
Ship, Joseph	7 May 1821	June 1821
	R: 24 Nov 1821	
Sledd, William	7 Oct 1827	Oct 1827
Smith, Ann	20 Oct 1818	Dec 1820
	R: 21 May 1821	
Smith, John	29 Apr 1822	8 Sep 1823
	R: Apr 1825	
Smith, Mary	20 Sep 1815	Dec 1820
	COD: 5 Nov 1820	R: 21 May 1821

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Name	DOW	F
Smith, Millington	9 Jan 1836	Oct 1836
Smith, Obadiah	24 Jul 1816	June 1819
	R: 6 Oct 1820	
Smith, Polemma	29 July 1835	
Smith, Robert	15 Dec 1829	Nov 1834 in Ruth. Co.
Smith, William	6 Feb 1826	Aug 1833
Spence, Britain	Oct 1829	Nov 1829
Statham, Charles	4 June 1824	July 1826
Stewart, James	23 June 1816	23 Nov 1826
Still, William	3 Feb 1819	June 1819
	R: 13 Oct 1820	
Stockerd, John	9 Oct 1830	Nov 1830
Stroup, Jacob	11 Aug 1810	
Sugg, Elizabeth	31 Mar 1831	Aug 1832
	COD: 22 Sep 1831	
Sullivan, Patrick	10 Apr 1817	July 1817
	R: 30 Aug 1817	
Sutton, Edmund	24 Dec 1824	Apr 1825
Taylor, George	11 July 1827	Oct 1827
Taylor, James	12 Dec 1817	Sep 1819
	R: 13 Apr 1820	
Taylor, James	15 Oct 1828	Feb 1829
Tennesson, Abraham	9 Apr 1821	Oct 1825
Thacker, Jeremiah	7 Oct 1803	Apr 1804
	R: 12 Apr 1804	
Thomas, John	8 Oct 1828	Nov 1828
	R: 9 Mar 1830	
Thompson, James	12 Sep 1811	18 Oct 1811
Thompson, John	19 Jan 1824	
Thompson, John	24 Nov 1835	July 1835
Thompson, Joseph	16 Oct 1815	
Thompson, Joseph	8 Dec 1826	
Thompson, Orville	29 Dec 1828	Feb 1829
Tilley, John	20 May 1807	Oct 1807
	R: 4 Nov 1807	
Underwood, Levi S.	2 Nov 1831	May 1834 (?)
Vandike, William	12 Sep 1831	
Vaughan, Drury	28 Jan 1826	July 1827
Vaught, Simion	11 Apr 1824	July 1824
	R: 24 Aug 1824	
Walker, William	23 July 1835	Aug 1835
Waller, Benjamin	22 Nov 1817	Mar 1818
	R: 6 May 1818	
Wallis, John	17 June 1823	Jan 1824
	COD: 25 Nov 1823	
Ward, William	20 Sep 1832	May/Aug 1835
Warren, John	18 June 1816	Oct 1816
	R: 20 Nov 1816	
Warren, Mary	12 Aug 1823	Jan 1824
Washington, Thomas	20 Mar 1818	R: 11 Nov 1818
Weatherly, Abner	4 Sep 1834	May 1835

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Name	DOW	F
Weatherly, Mary	19 Apr 1835	May 1835
Welch, Thomas	14/18 May 1809	11 July 1809
West, George	23 May 1835	
Whitfield, Matthew	6 Sep 1823	Apr 1827
Whitnel, Mary	8 Jan 1814	2 Apr 1814
Whoberry, Elizabeth	11 June 1821	Sep 1821
	R: 1 Dec 1821	
Wigor/Wigger, Henry	2 _____ 1818	June 1818
Williams, David	2 July 1833	Feb 1835
Williams, Samuel	2 Dec 1805	Apr 1806
	R: 15 Apr 1806	
Williamson, Littleton	24 Oct 1835	Nov 1835
Wilson, James	2 Sep 1817	Oct 1817
	R: 1 Dec 1817	
Windrow, Henry	2 Mar 1826	July 1826
Winn, John	8 Dec 1813	4 Nov 1814
Wood, Jesse	20 July 1835	Nov 1835
Wood, Nancy	8 Nov 1824	Aug 1828
Wright, Francis	3 Dec 1807	Feb 1808
Wright, Rebecca	9 Sep 1835	May 1840
Yandell, Wilson	8 Nov 1826	Jan 1828
	COD: 19 June 1827	
Yearwood, William	28 July 1823	Oct 1823
	R: 29 Nov 1823	
Youree, David	23 May 1834	Aug 1834 (?)
Yous, John	13 June 1821	Sep 1821
	R: 3 Dec 1821	

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Name	DOW	F
Alford, Nelson	11 May 1850	8 May 1866
Anderson, George	4 May 1848	July 1848
Anderson, William	27 Apr 1837	July 1840
	COD: 19 Feb 1840	
Arnold, John W.	28 Aug 1839	Jan 1840
	Witnessed: 2 Dec 1839	
Baird, Lemuel M.	1 Aug 1851	
Baird, William D.	12 Oct 1842	May 1843
Ballard, Wiley	6 Apr 1847	June 1854
Barkly, John	4 May 1849	Aug 1850
Barksdale, Randolph	8 Nov 1842	Aug 1844
Batey, Christopher T.	18 Apr 1849	June 1849
Beasley, John W.	27 Dec 1850	Feb 1851
Bingham, William	9 July 1843	Aug 1843
Blackwood, James F.	17 June 1847	Oct 1850
Boles, Nancy	11 Oct 1844	Jan 1845
Booth, George C.	2 Mar 1843	Aug 1843
Bowman, Daniel, Sen.	12 Oct 1842	Jan 1844
Bowman, Samuel	13 Feb 1838	Mar 1838
Bradford, James	11 Aug 1845	Mar 1849
Brandon, George	12 May 1844	July 1844
Brothers, Francis	14 June 1845	July 1845
Brown, Isaac C.	19 Dec 1838	Feb 1839
Brown, John	3 June 1846	Mar 1849
Brown, Lent	9 Oct 1851	Dec 1851
Burnett, Henry	10 Sep 1838	Oct 1838
Burnett, William	25 May 1840	Aug 1845
	COD: 20 Jan 1841	
Burton, Hardy	17 Apr 1848	Mar 1853
Butts, Francis	26 Aug 1851	Oct 1851
Calhoun, George	26 Sep 1842	Dec 1842
Canon, James	30 May 1843	July 1843
Canon, Jemima A.	20 June 1849	Sep 1849
Canon, John M.	14 Mar 1839	May 1839
Canon, Joseph F.	4 Sep 1841	Nov 1841
Chism, Edward	3 Feb 1845	Jan 1847
Cock, Nancy	1 July 1842	Sep 1842
Coleman, Richard	6 May 1841	June 1841
Collier, Ingram B.	8 Nov 1841	Mar 1842
Cook, Charlotte S.	6 Sep 1852	Dec 1852
Cooke, Anderson	17 June 1843	July 1843
Cooke, Green	2 Oct 1839	Mar 1840

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Name	DOW	F
Cooke, John D., Sen.	3 Jan 1849 COD: 2 May 1849	July 1854 COD: 5 Apr 1850
		COD: 31 Jan 1854
Covington, John	12 June 1843	Feb 1847
Cox, Elijah	22 Dec 1839	Jan 1840
Crawford, C. B.	15 Apr 1845	May 1845
Crawford, John	20 Jan 1843	Mar 1843
Curran, Jonathan	10 Sep 1843	Oct 1843
Davis, Babby	15 Jan 1849	Feb 1849
Davis, Luckett, Sen.	28 Sep 1843	COD: 5 May 1844
	Contested: Nov 1845	
Dement, Cader	24 Jan 1848	Oct 1849
		COD: 21 Feb 1848
Dickinson, David	7 May 1845	Aug 1848
	COD: 20 Nov 1846	COD: 21 Apr 1848
Dickson, Enoch	23 Nov 1840	Feb 1841
Dickson, Enos	10 Dec 1840	Jan 1841
Dickson, Frances	2 May 1849	June 1851
Dill, Isaac	1 Feb 1846	Apr 1846
Dill, William C.	3 Jul 1847	Jul 1847
Dillard, Martha	26 Jun 1838	Sep 1838
Dinney, Robert	26 Oct 1847	Apr 1848
Dodd, Peggy	18/20 Jul 1844	Mar 1858
Donald, Robert S.	8 Dec 1846	Jan 1847
Donnell, Thomas	28 Dec 1837	Sep 1853
Doran, Mary	29 Sep 1838	Mar 1839
Dunaway, Samuel	17 May 1851	Sep 1851
Dunn, Thomas D.	23 Dec 1850	May 1851
Edwards, Thomas	24 Nov 1849	Jan 1850
Elrod, Jeremiah	18 Jan 1841	Nov 1841
Evans, David	13 Sep 1843	Nov 1843
Farr, Ephraim	25 Aug 1841	Feb 1842
Farris, Josiah, Sen.	10 Dec 1839	Jan 1841
Field, John	22 Apr 1850	Mar 1853
Fleming, Andrew J.	4 Jan 1849	Feb 1849
Fletcher, John	9 Oct 1847	Aug 1849
	COD: 12 Nov 1848	
Floyd, Rebecca	12 Apr 1847	Aug 1849
Forkner, Hanrietta	17 Sep 1838	Nov 1846
	COD: 6 Nov 1839	
Fulks, John	8 Apr 1842	1 Sep 1856
Fuller, John	18 Nov 1851	Jan 1852
	COD: 19 Nov 1851	
Fults, Mary	29 Apr 1843	
Gambill, John	10 May 1843	July 1843
	COD: 19 May 1843	
Gilliam, Isham	18 Aug 1847	Feb 1848
Goodlett, A. G.	6 Dec 1842	June 1850
Goodloe, Thompson W.	27 Jul 1847	Oct 1847

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Name	DOW	F
Goodman, Edward	24 May 1845	Jul 1845
Gregory, Edward	7 Feb 1842	Mar 1842
Hale, Jacob	2 Mar 1844	May 1844
Hannah, Samuel	14 Oct 1845	Jan 1846
Harris, Allsea	25 Mar 1846	Nov 1847
	COD: 20 Jan 1847	
Harrison, Dorothy	17 Jun 1839	May 1840
Harrison, Sophia	4 Jul 1849	2 Apr 1855
Hartwell, Armistead	23 Nov 1852	Apr 1855
	COD: 8 Mar 1853	
Hayes, Archibald	15 Feb 1845	Mar 1845
Haynes, Abraham	10 Sep 1838	Nov 1838
Heise, Rebecca	2 Oct 1850	Apr 1855
Higgenbotham, Elija	17 Jun 1851	Oct 1851
Hogg, Samuel	27 Apr 1842	Mar 1843
Hoover, John	16 May 1845	Jul 1845
	COD: 3 Jun 1845	
Hoskins, Daniel	22 Jun 1847	Feb 1848
House, Ambrose	7 Mar 1845	Jul 1855
	COD: 12 Apr 1851	COD: 28 May 1852
		COD: 24 Sep 1853
House, Isaac T.	28 Feb 1841	July 1841
Howse, Hazakiah	26 Mar 1844	Jun 1844
Howse, Julia Ann	25 May 1844	
Hubbard, John	5 Nov 1852	5 Jan 1857
Jacobs, John	3 Apr 1851	Apr 1852
James, Cary	30 Jun 1847	Feb 1848
James, Frances	20 Aug 1844	Jul 1852
James, Martha	11 Mar 1851	Apr 1851
James, Mary	6 Nov 1845	Nov 1846
James, Thomas	25 Nov 1850	Oct 1854
	COD: 5 Jan 1854	
Jarratt, Rhoda	8 Nov 1851	Feb 1852
Jenkins, Hiram, Sen.	24 Jan 1852	2 Nov 1857
	COD: 3 Nov 1853	
Jetton, James L.	15 Feb 1850	Feb 1851
Jetton, John L.	29 Apr 1851	Jul 1854
Jetton, John White	4 Aug 1838	Feb 1839
Jetton, Robert	21 Aug 1840	Jan 1841
Jetton, William B. F.	7 Jan 1845	Jun 1845
Johns, Frederick	6 Jul 1842	Feb 1843
Johnson, Joshua	19 Mar 1839	May 1839
Johnson, Lewis	13 Aug 1849	Dec 1849
Jones, Anthony	17 Sep 1842	9 Mar 1843
	R: 30 Apr 1843	
Jones, Lucy	14 Aug 1847	Sep 1847
Jones, Patsy	21 Feb 1842	Aug 1842
Jones, William	29 Oct 1850	7 Mar 1859
Jones, Willis	15 Nov 1849	Jun 1851
Keeble, Walter	27 Nov 1843	Feb 1844
Kelton, James	28 Jul 1847	Sep 1847

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Name	DOW	F
Killough, Robert H.	16 Sep 1842	May 1843
Kirk, Nancy M.	8 May 1847	Sep 1847
Lane, Rebecca	28 Jun 1844	Oct 1844
Lantern, Joseph	9 Oct 1840	Jun 1841
Lark, Dennis	21 May 1851	Aug 1851
Lawrence, Mary	24 May 1841	Sep 1841
Layne, Robert	26 Oct 1847	Jun 1848
Lean, Richard V.	7 Nov 1844	Nov 1845
Lillard, Mordacia	12 Nov 1851	Nov 1851
Lindsey, Caleb	13 Jan 1837	Feb 1839
Love, Charles	7 Sep 1840	Nov 1840
Lyon, Elizabeth	3 Oct 1845	6 Apr 1857
Lytle, John	11 May 1840	Sep 1841
Lytle, Mary W.	13 May 1847	Dec 1847
Mabry, Peter A. B.	8 Jul 1846	Aug 1848
MacGowan, Ebenezer	28 Aug 1848	May 1850
Malone, William N.	Feb 1847	Aug 1847
Maney, Thomas H.	20 Mar 1847	Apr 1847
Manor, Mills	15 Aug 1848	Dec 1848
Manor, Nancy	22 Oct 1846	Jan 1847
Marable, Elizabeth	13 Dec 1840	Jan 1841
Marshall, A. D.	4 Jun 1849	May 1850
Martin, Robert	4 Sep 1840	Oct 1840
Mason, Reynear H.	17 Dec 1851	Jan 1852
Matthews, John	20 Apr 1843	May 1843
May, Joseph	7 Oct 1848	Jul 1849
May, Robert	30 Oct 1852	Nov 1857
Mayfield, Thomas	22 Sep 1846	Nov 1846
Mayfield, Thomas F.	29 Sep 1847	May 1848
Meadows, Ephraim	21 Jan 1850	May 1852
Miles, Thomas	1 Mar 1838	Mar 1839
Miller, James R.	22 May 1846	Jun 1846
Miller, Robert	9 Jun 1837	Nov 1837
Mitchell, James	23 May 1842	May 1843
Montgomery, Joseph A.	16 Oct 1840	Nov 1840
Moore, Isaac	25 Jul 1845	Aug 1845
Morton, Samuel	22 Sep 1845	Mar 1846
Mullins, Jesse	2 Oct 1842	Nov 1842
Murfree, Mathias B.	29 Jan 1845	Nov 1853
	COD: 1 Jan 1847	
Muse, William J.	18 Jul 1846	Sep 1848
	COD: 25 Apr 1848	
McCullock, Benjamin D.	9 Oct 1846	Feb 1848
	COD: 29 Jul 1847	COD: 7 Feb 1848
McCullock, Robert L.	23 May 1843	Apr 1844
McElroy, Adam C.	4 Dec 1845	Jul 1846
McFadden, Francis W.	15 Nov 1841	Dec 1842
McKnight, William	26 Dec 1839	Jun 1840
Nelson, Judith	14 Jul 1851	Sep 1851
Nelson, Mary	6 Jun 1848	Jul 1848

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Name	DOW	F
Nelson, Thomas	19 Feb 1850	Aug 1851
Newman, John, Sen.	2 Jun 1838	Mar 1842
	COD: 30 Mar 1841	
Newman, Joseph	6 Apr 1848	Dec 1849
	COD: 10 Jun 1848	
Newsom, Sarah B.	20 Sep 1852	Oct 1852
Nivins, James	26 Dec 1851	Nov 1852
Norman, Carnahan H.	15 Apr 1850	May 1850
Norman, Elizabeth	18/19 Jan 1847	1848
Northcott, Hosea	1 Oct 1850	Dec 1850
Northcutt, Martha S.	24 Sep 1851	Nov 1851
Oliphint, James	1 Jan 1849	Mar 1849
Parker, William	1 Feb 1842	Feb 1842
Payne, Jacob	20 Jan 1846	Aug 1847
Peak, Joseph	13 Jul 1847	Sep 1847
Peek, Jeffrey	1 Feb 1849	Oct 1850
	COD: 18 Jan 1850	
Peek, Simons	31 Mar 1850	Mar 1853
Phillips, Bennet	18 Dec 1841	Oct 1842
Pitts, William	27 Jan 1852	Mar 1852
Posey, Zachariah	14 Mar 1844	Dec 1844
Price, Robert C.	23 Aug 1851	Oct 1852
Puckett, Charles	7 Oct 1851	Mar 1854
Rankin, James	3 May 1844	Jun 1844
Ransom, Benjamin O.	15 Apr 1844	Nov 1844
Read, Edmond Randolph	21 Aug 1843	Nov 1843
Read, James	15 Nov 1839	Dec 1839
Read, P.F.A.	22 Aug 1852	Sep 1852
Read, William B.	7 Nov 1843	Dec 1843
Reese, Mary	18 Jul 1849	Sep 1849
Robison, John H.	14 Jan 1841	Feb 1841
Rogers, Absolam	27 Sep 1838	Oct 1839
Rogers, Joseph	3 Oct 1840	Nov 1840
Ross, Robert	5 Oct 1840	Jan 1845
Roulhac, Francis	16 Jan 1850	Dec 1852
Rowlet, Leonard S.	26 Nov 1850	Mar 1851
Rucker, James	19 Mar 1844	Oct 1850
Rucker, Thomas, Sen.	22 Nov 1839	Mar 1843
Rutledge, Marcia H.	18 Apr 1842	Dec 1853
Sanders, Cornelius, Sen.	16 May 1848	Mar 1854
Sanders, Isaac, Sen.	10 Nov 1852	Apr 1860
Sanders, Mary	6 Jan 1847	May 1849
Searcy, William W.	4 Feb 1845	Feb 1846
Seward, David	31 Dec 1847	Feb 1848
Seward, John	3 Dec 1849	6 Nov 1854
	COD: 31 Jul 1854	
Sims, Swepson	3 Feb 1845	
Singleton, Chapel	22 Sep 1847	Jun 1848
Smith, Bennett M.	12 Nov 1847	Jun 1848
	COD: 26 Nov 1847	
	COD: 14 Feb 1848	

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Name	DOW	F
Smith, Cunningham	2 Dec 1840	Dec 1840
Smith, Isabella	25 Aug 1852	Nov 1852
Smith, James M.	9 Aug 1847	Dec 1847
Smith, John	24 Apr 1851	Jul 1861
	COD: 26 Oct 1859	
Smith, Polly	1 Jul 1844	Aug 1844
Smith, Robert	5 Feb 1849	May 1849
Smith, Samuel	21 Jul 1851	Aug 1851
Smith, William Henry	3 Feb 1851	Mar 1851
Smith, William M.	25 Dec 1850	Feb 1851
Sneed, Charles E.	22 Oct 1838	Nov 1838
Spain, Stephen	14 Feb 1840	Apr 1840
Span, William	3 Jun 1843	Aug 1843
Spence, Marman	25 Feb 1847	Mar 1847
Standridge, Elizabeth	20 Mar 1841	Jul 1841
Staton, Elijah	28 Feb 1850	Apr 1850
Statum, Jane	27 Jun 1848	Apr 1850
Thacker, Larkin	15 Jan 1840	Mar 1842
Thompson, Robert	22 Dec 1843	Mar 1844
Thorn, Thomas	18 Jan 1845	Jul 1847
Thurman, Wiley	20 Apr 1847	May 1847
Traylor, Joel	3 May 1852	4 Jul 1859
	COD: 16 Nov 1854	
Tucker, James	20 Dec 1841	Nov 1842
Tucker, Jane K.	24 Jun 1844	Aug 1844
Vaughan, Sarah Rebecca	13 Oct 1841	Jul 1849
Vincent, Henry	27 Feb 1841	Oct 1841
	Contested: July 1841	
Wade, John, Sen.	16 Jan 1840	Feb 1840
Wade, John C.	21 Apr 1852	Jan 1856
Wade, Mary	11 Dec 1839	Mar 1844
Wade, Walter	27 Aug 1849	Sep 1849
Wade, William	16 Mar 1839	Sep 1849
	COD: 8 Apr 1845	COD: 13 Oct 1848
Walker, Andrew J.	17 Sep 1849	COD: 8 Feb 1849
Walker, Martha	27 Apr 1841	Apr 1850
Waller, Benjamin P.	11 Mar 1844	Jun 1841
Walpole, Charles	20 Aug 1851	Apr 1844
Ward, Mary	1 Nov 1840	Nov 1851
Watkins, Martha	11 Jan 1837	Jun 1842
Webb, Elizabeth	13 Mar 1847	Jan 1839
Welch, Thomas	13 Jun 1842	Jun 1847
Wendel, David	21 Aug 1838	May 1843
White, Levi	23 Oct 1841	Jun 1844
White, Stephen	4 Apr 1842	Aug 1848
Williams, Elisha	24 Oct 1848	Apr 1842
Williams, Henry I.	14 Oct 1852	Jan 1849
Williams, John J. P.	5 Mar 1852	May 1853
Wills, George	9 Jun 1842	Jul 1852
Wilson, Nancy	11 Nov 1847	Jul 1851
		Nov 1854

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<u>Name</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>F</u>
Witherspoon, John	12 Jun 1840 COD: 7 Nov 1840	Aug 1841
Woods, Nancy	19 May 1844 Contested: 1844	Dec 1844
Work(e), Ann	30 Jun 1848	Aug 1849
Wright, William H.	16 May 1848 COD: 4 Jun 1848	Jul 1848
Yandell, Elizabeth	6 Apr 1840	Apr 1840
Yardley, Thomas	29 Sep 1848	Dec 1849
Youree, James	13 Sep 1845	Oct 1845

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Name	DOW	F
Adkerson, George M. T.	7 Jan 1863	2 Oct 1865
Alexander, Daniel	7 Nov 1856	2 Nov 1857
Alford, William	5 Apr 1867	7 Jun 1871
	COD: 28 May 1867	
Anderson, Charles	3 Jun 1861	5 Jul 1869
Anderson, Samuel	25 Jul 1853	3 Oct 1859
Atkinson, E.	(Petitions regarding Will)	1 Aug 1856
Atkinson, James	28 Jan 1853	Jan 1854
Barney, John	4 Aug 1853	Sep 1854
Baskette, William T.	23 Feb 1867	7 Mar 1867
Bass, James	2 Feb 1864	7 Feb 1865
Beaty, James M.	9 Aug 1856	Sep 1856
Beesley, Solomon	11 Sep 1858	3 Mar 1862
Bell, John	1 Jun 1854	Aug 1854
Bell, Sarah E.	7 Aug 1860	2 Oct 1860
Bennett, Thomas	7 Aug 1867	4 Nov 1867
Blackmore, Mary E.	8 Jan 1863	5 Jun 1865
Bone, B. P.	29 Jul 1867	4 Nov 1867
Bone, James	4 Mar 1862	2 Oct 1865
Brady, Elizabeth	27 Jun 1861	16 Apr 1866
Brittain, John	11 Sep 1858	3 Oct 1859
Brown, Jane M.	4 Mar 1867	4 Feb 1872
Buchanan, James B.	10 Jun 1862	7 Aug 1865
Burrus, James R.	9 May 1861	27 Nov 1865
	COD: 29 May 1861	
Burt, William H.	7 Dec 1855	Jan 1856
Cannon, Joseph	20 Dec 1854	2 Nov 1857
Carlock, Ephraim	29 Nov 1861	6 Jan 1862
Carlton, Blake	15 Aug 1856	Sep 1856
Cartwright, Samuel T.	16 July 1867	6 May 1872
Childress, James K. P.	4 Feb 1863	7 Jul 1865
	COD: 16 Mar 1863	
Clark, John, Sen.	23 May 1856	Sep 1857
Clark, Thomas B.	4 Oct 1867	7 Jan 1868
	COD: 17 Dec 1867	
Clayton, Benjamin	24 Mar 1864	6 Feb 1865
Condon, James	16 Sep 1866	2 Oct 1866
Coulter, Elizabeth	22 Sep 1857	3 Jul 1865
Crawford, Martha	2 Aug 1867	6 Feb 1871
Creson, L. B.	5 Mar 1863	7 Feb 1866
Crocker, Elizabeth	9 Mar 1861	1 Jan 1866
Crosthwait, Eliza F.	Sep 1860	6 Feb 1866

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Name	DOW	F
Grothwait, Elizabeth	21 Jun 1859 COD: 18 Nov 1861	5 Mar 1866
Grouse, Henry	30 Aug 1856	Feb 1869
Curran, Elizabeth	19 Aug 1858	6 Oct 1868
Daniel, J. P.	(Statement of Witnesses) 7 Apr 1858	Apr 1858
Dellinger, Susannah I.	19 Aug 1865	28 Aug 1872
Dement, Mary	3 Mar 1854	Nov 1854
Denton, Rebecca D.	5 Mar 1867	6 Aug 1867
Dunaway, Thomas	22 Oct 1856	4 Feb 1861
Dunn, Charles W.	9 Jul 1861	6 Jan 1862
Dunn, John	7 Jul 1863	7 Dec 1868
Eaton, Joseph H.	21 Dec 1858	8 Feb 1859
Ellis, Hicks	20 Jan 1859	2 Jan 1860
Ellis, Josiah	28 Aug 1856	6 Jun 1865
Farmer, Arthur	12 Apr 1866	7 May 1866
Faucett, James S.	20 Sep 1856	2 Mar 1857
Finney, William	14 Aug 1854	Sep 1854
Floyd, Richard	4 May 1853	Jun 1853
Fox, Andrew	8 Feb 1855	5 Aug 1872
Freeman, Asa	6 Oct 1858	8 Oct 1861
Freeman, Nancy	2 Mar 1867	6 Sep 1869
Fulk, Samuel	8 Jun 1860	3 Sep 1860
Gambrill, Hannah	29 Oct 1866	8 Oct 1873
Gannaway, Burrell	23 May 1853	Aug 1853
Garrett, Jane	31 Mar 1865	8 Mar 1866
Gentry, Samuel Campbell	25 Dec 1861	1 Aug 1864
Gill, James M.	9 Dec 1861	3 Mar 1862
Gillaspie, James	3 May 1854	4 May 1857
Grant, James H.	11 Feb 1864 COD: 1869	6 Jul 1869
Green, James H.	20 Jul 1860 COD: 3 Jan 1861	5 Jun 1865
Green, Nathan	24 Sep 1855	4 Aug 1856
Gresham, William A.	9 Oct 1860	4 Mar 1861
Hall, Andrew	14 Jun 1854	Sep 1854
Hall, Gidian B.	6 Mar 1861	1 Apr 1861
Hall, William	3 Mar 1859	6 Sep 1869
Halliburton, Susanna	30 Mar 1854	Aug 1855
Hallyburton, John E.	11 Aug 1866 R: 6 Nov 1871	9 Oct 1871
Hallyburton, William H.	19 May 1854	Aug 1854
Hancock, Thomas	28 Jul 1867	7 Sep 1867
Harding, Fanny Priscilla	(NOT A WILL)	7 Feb 1863
Harris, Andrew T.	28 Feb 1859	6 Jun 1859
Haynes, John	7 Aug 1858	1 Aug 1864
Heath, James	22 Aug 1862	1 Aug 1864
Helton, William	4 Oct 1864	5 Jun 1865
Hodge, James	5 Jul 1853	Aug 1853
Holden, William	23 Mar 1858	Jun 1858
Hoover, Frederick A.	8 Mar 1859	6 Apr 1875
Hord, Thomas	29 Aug 1865 COD: 10 Sep 1865	2 Oct 1865

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House, John C.	16 Apr 1855	Mar 1855
House, Margaret	7 Apr 1862	4 Dec 1865
Howse, Susan	24 Jul 1857	5 Mar 1860
Hubbard, R. L.	25 Nov 1865	1 Jan 1866
Huff, Wiley	31 Oct 1853	Feb 1855
Ivie, John H.	11 Sep 1867	4 Nov 1867
Jameson, Nancy	6 Jul 1858	5 Jun 1865
Jamison, Henry D.	30 Jun 1856	5 Apr 1859
Jarman, Amos	5 Sep 1856	6 Oct 1856
Jarratt, David M.	27 May 1867	8 Oct 1867
Jarratt, John J.	27 Sep 1867	7 Feb 1881
Jenkins, Mary	21 Feb 1867	5 Aug 1879
Jetton, Isaac	23 Apr 1863	9 Nov 1865
Johns, Jacob	5 Apr 1856	7 Dec 1857
Jordan, Mary E. G.	11 Jul 1862	3 Jul 1865
Jorden, Mildred	17 Aug 1866	5 Sep 1866
Keeling, Martha	22 Sep 1856	8 May 1860
Kimbrow, Azariah	21 Nov 1855	7 Feb 1865
Kimbrow, William M.	13 Jun 1853	Aug 1853
Lark, Nancy	28 Mar 1859	6 Mar 1865
Lenoir/Lenore, William V.	18 Dec 1858	7 Feb 1859
Lewis, Ann	23 Dec 1867	3 Feb 1868
Lewis, Joseph	28 Dec 1853	Feb 1854
Lindsey, Joseph	20 May 1862	Nov 1869
	COD: 9 June 1868	COD: 1 Dec 1868
Lindsey, Temperance	22 Nov 1854	4 Mar 1862
	COD: 25 Aug 1857	COD: 14 Nov 1860
Lingow, Archibald	1 Dec 1856	4 Jul 1859
Linster, Mary	6 May 1859	6 Jun 1859
Love, John	R: 10 May 1861	
Lowe, Mary C.	29 Jan 1859	6 Feb 1860
Lyon, James S.	14 Sep 1862	2 Oct 1865
Lyon, Nathan	14 Jan 1857	2 Mar 1857
Lytle, Ephraim F.	11 Dec 1866	2 Mar 1868
Lytle, William T.	2 Jan 1861	7 Jun 1864
	COD: 2 Jan 1862	
Mabry, Thomas J.	4 Jul 1855	Sep 1855
Mallard, William	4 Aug 1862	7 Aug 1865
Maney, James	6 Jun 1866	3 Dec 1872
Marable, Matthew	27 Jan 1854	9 Oct 1867
Mason, Joseph	25 Mar 1866	5 Jun 1871
Mason, Rebecca	18 Mar 1865	4 Sep 1865
Merritt, James P.	6 Mar 1867	6 Jan 1880
	COD: 17 Mar 1871	COD: 4 Dec 1876
Miles, Sarah A.	22 Nov 1861	6 Jan 1862
Miller, Isaac	27 May 1861	4 Nov 1861
Mitchell, Mary	22 Oct 1855	Apr 1856
Molloy, Fanny M.	7 Apr 1854	Oct 1855
Molloy, John	27 Oct 1857	2 Nov 1857
Moore, Martha R.	10 Jun 1857	5 Jul 1858

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Moore, Mable	25 Nov 1856	3 Jun 1857
Morgan, Polly	4 Apr 1853	3 Jun 1861
Morgan, Samuel W.	3 Oct 1861	6 Feb 1867
Morton, Solomon G.	2 May 1859	6 Jun 1859
Murfree, Mary Ann	1 Jul 1857	8 Sep 1857
Muse, Richard T.	15 Feb 1858	May 1858
Myrick, Alvis	3 Sep 1859	13 Nov 1866
Myrick, Nancy	31 May 1867	6 Oct 1868
McAdoo, Mary	16 May 1859	6 Aug 1860
McAdoo, Samuel P.	12 Dec 1855	
McCrary, Arthur	16 Nov 1866	4 Feb 1867
McCrary, George	23 Feb 1864	7 Aug 1865
McCrary, John M.	23 Jan 1856	6 Oct 1856
McCulloch, Sarah	26 Mar 1861	5 Jun 1865
McCulloch, Sarah Ann	12 Mar 1854	Jun 1854
McDowell, James	26 Aug 1865	4 Oct 1865
McElhatten, Stieurt	29 Oct 1855	Nov 1855
McKee, Ambrose	26 Oct 1862	5 Sep 1865
McKnight, A. M.	29 Apr 1861	2 Oct 1865
McKnight, James T. C.	30 Apr 1861	6 Jun 1865
McKnight, William	3 Aug 1865	5 Sep 1870
Nance, Benjamin F.	19 Aug 1869	6 Sep 1869
Neal, Richard	1 Jun 1866	4 Mar 1867
Neal, William D.	29 Oct 1856	Dec 1856
Nelson, James C.	4 Jun 1860	6 Aug 1860
Nelson, Joseph H.	30 Jul 1859	6 Mar 1865
Nelson, Matthew	3 Apr 1856	8 May 1856
Nisbett, Joseph	27 Oct 1857	7 Dec 1857
Noe, John	9 Nov 1858	4 Apr 1859
Norman, Lizetta	28 Mar 1863	5 Jun 1865
North, Theodorick	7 Nov 1859	2 Jan 1860
Overall, Robert	23 Jan 1862	7 Aug 1865
Overall, William S.	12 Nov 1858	6 Dec 1858
Owen, Thomas	12 Oct 1857	2 Jan 1860
Parker, Levi F.	24 Nov 1862	6 Feb 1865
Parrish, Polly/Mary R.	4 Dec 1855	2 Dec 1873
Patterson, J. W.	17 Nov 1854	Dec 1854
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Patterson, John	26 May 1856	Nov 1856
Peak, Agnes	25 Sep 1855	
Petty, Charles	26 Jan 1860	5 Mar 1860
Peyton, John M.	28 Mar 1858	3 May 1858
Phillips, James William	29 May 1854	Aug 1854
Pierce, Edward L.	1 May 1861	3 Jan 1865
Potts, George	30 Oct 1867	9 Aug 1869
	COD: 1 Aug 1869	
Pritchett, Samuel	11 Jan 1853	Feb 1853
Fuckett, Lodwick	12 Dec 1853	5 Mar 1860
Ralston, Andrew	9 Oct 1863	4 Jul 1864
Randolph, Isham G.	20 May 1861	7 Nov 1864
Randolph, Peter	18 Jun 1856	Aug 1856

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Ransom, Samuel H.	20 Feb 1862	5 Jul 1865
Read, Mary	6 Oct 1853	Feb 1856
	COD: 14 Nov 1854	
Read, Mary	25 Nov 1859	7 Jan 1861
Ready, Charles	30 Aug 1854	5 Sep 1859
Reeder, Mary D.	24 May 1859	4 Jul 1859
Reeves, Levi	15 Oct 1856	Nov 1856
Reeves, Moses G.	28 Feb 1860	6 May 1861
Rhodes, C. H.	30 Dec 1863	6 Nov 1865
Ridley, Bromfield	10 Jan 1867	6 Sep 1869
Ridley, Elizabeth	11 Jun 1857	6 Dec 1858
Ridout, Thomas	8 May 1860	2 Feb 1875
Ring, William	19 Apr 1858	6 Nov 1866
Robb, William	27 Sep 1859	7 Nov 1859
Roberts, Granville	12 Jul 1854	Aug 1855
Rowlett, Thomas	3 May 1855	Aug 1855
Rucker, Benjamin, Senior	17 Dec 1860	7 Mar 1866
Rucker, Edmund M.	24 Dec 1858	3 Jan 1859
Sanders, Isaac	19 May 1859	4 May 1868
Sanders, Mary W. M.	6 Apr 1863	3 Apr 1865
Searcy, W. W.	4 Feb 1862	1 May 1865
Sikes, Jesse	9 Jun 1868	5 Apr 1869
Simmons, Martha A.	31 Aug 1854	8 Feb 1882
Sims, Robert L.	10 Aug 1853	8 Apr 1857
Smart, Philip	27 Apr 1863	1 Apr 1867
Smith, Cecily M.	28 Sep 1855	6 Jan 1862
	COD: 9 Feb 1860	COD: 3 Dec 1860
Smith, Ephraim F.	3 Oct 1855	COD: 18 Jan 1861
Smith, John P.	17 Sep 1853	Dec 1855
Smith, William G.	15 Sep 1854	Nov 1854
Smotherman, Sarah	31 Jan 1866	4 Jul 1859
Spence, Sarah	9 Jun 1857	6 Oct 1873
Stegar, Francis	10 Sep 1853	12 Aug 1857
Sublett, George A.	30 Sep 1854	Oct 1853
Swan, Moses	24 Oct 1861	Jun 1855
Swink, Michael	17 Feb 1855	6 Jun 1865
Tarpley, James A.	28 Jul 1859	6 Aug 1860
Tarpley, Thomas	18 Dec 1856	9 Feb 1860
Taylor, Vincent	11 Mar 1861	5 Aug 1861
Thompson, Jesse, Senior	7 Aug 1857	1 Apr 1861
Thompson, Mary	1 Dec 1858	7 Feb 1859
Thompson, Susan C.	13 Aug 1856	6 Dec 1858
Tinch, Elizabeth P.	18 Mar 1853	6 Oct 1856
Todd, Aaron	22 Dec 1856	Apr 1853
Trimble, Joseph	26 May 1856	1 Aug 1859
Tucker, Elen M.	14 Nov 1865	5 Apr 1858
Tucker, Joshua C.	16 Sep 1861	2 Sep 1867
Tucker, Silas	8 Nov 1860	7 Oct 1861
Turner, E. B.	7 Apr 1856	2 Jan 1865
Vaughan, A. W.		Apr 1856
		1 Oct 1860

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Name	DOW	F
Vaughan, Henry A.	12 Sep 1853	Dec 1853
Wade, Mordica B.	19 Sep 1867	4 Nov 1867
	COD: 17 Oct 1867	
Ward, Martha	20 Jul 1857	Aug 1857
Watkins, John M.	25 May 1854	6 Jun 1859
Watkins, Wilson L.	12 Nov 1856	1 Apr 1861
Williams, Elisha	1 Mar 1859	9 Aug 1865
	COD: 31 Aug 1860	
Williams, Frances E.	17 Apr 1866	2 Jul 1866
Wills, Mary	5 Jan 1856	2 Jan 1860
Winsett, John T.	13 Feb 1866	7 May 1866
Winsett, Silas	30 Jun 1867	2 Sep 1867
Winsett, John	7 Dec 1860	9 Nov 1865
Winston, Nathaniel	28 Jan 1856	Mar 1856
Wood, George W.	12 Oct 1859	7 Nov 1859
Wood, William W.	5 Jun 1853	Aug 1853
Woolridge, John S.	26 May 1863	5 Jun 1865
Wrather, Baker	26 Mar 1856	Jul 1856

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Adams, J. M.	30 Apr 1879	5 Jan 1880
Allen, Robert J.	14 Apr 1871	6 Jul 1871
Anderson, Harry I.	16 Dec 1876	1 Nov 1880
Anderson, James M.	27 Dec 1877	Jan 1878
Arnold, Elijah	21 Aug 1878	6 Jan 1879
Baird, John	30 Mar 1876	3 Sep 1876
Ball, William T.	12 Feb 1869	1 May 1871
Barnes, Elizabeth A.	14 Apr 1875	3 May 1875
Bass, Eliza A. C.	22 Oct 1873	3 Mar 1879
Batey, Benjamin	25 Mar 1872	2 Sep 1872
Baugh, John A.	16 Mar 1870	4 Apr 1870
Beazley, James	26 Apr 1871	7 May 1872
Becton, W. J.	10 May 1869	2 Feb 1874
	COD: 1 May 1870	
Bell, Martha C.	1 May 1879	7 Nov 1881
Bennett, Drury	28 Apr 1871	7 Dec 1874
Benson, Washington	25 Jun 1871	7 Aug 1871
Bigham, Elihu H.	24 Apr 1873	6 Oct 1873
Binford, Joseph W.	12 Jul 1879	7 Feb 1881
Bivins, L. M. T.	14 Aug 1876	8 Nov 1876
Black, Hanibal, Senior	15 May 1874	7 Sep 1874
Blackman, Alfred	25 Nov 1870	3 Jul 1872
Blackwood, James	20 Jan 1871	7 Jul 1873
Bonnewell, Elijah	28 May 1877	4 Jun 1877
Bowman, Celina	9 Jun 1880	9 Oct 1880
Bowman, John	19 Mar 1872	6 Nov 1876
Bracken, Richard H.	8 Jul 1869	6 Dec 1869
Brantley, E.		5 May 1873
Brothers, Mary	14 Dec 1868	1 Mar 1869
Brown, John	13 May 1871	2 Oct 1876
	COD: 25 Dec 1871	COD: 7 Sep 1876
Brown, R. O.	13 Apr 1868	1 Jun 1868
Brown, Richard	14 May 1881	1 Aug 1881
Butler, Adam S.	16 May 1877	2 May 1882
Butler, Henry W.	16 Aug 1876	8 Sep 1876
Caffy, Medford	18 Jan 1871	7 Jun 1875
Caldwell, William	8 Mar 1877	10 Jun 1881
Carlton, Kinion	20 Sep 1880	7 Dec 1880
Cates, Sarah	8 May 1869	4 Sep 1871
Cates, Susan	9 Mar 1869	6 Apr 1869
Childress, Edwin T.	31 Jul 1869	6 Sep 1875
Childress, J. P.		6 Mar 1876

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Name	DOW	F
Christy, Simeon B.	31 Jan 1870	7 Aug 1871
	GOD: 24 Aug 1870	
Claiborne, M. G. S.	11 Nov 1870	5 Mar 1871
Clardy, Ellen A.	7 Oct 1868	2 Mar 1869
Clark, William	16 Dec 1876	1 Nov 1880
Coleman, Walter P.	3 Jun 1870	4 Jul 1870
Coleman, William A.	11 Oct 1869	1 Nov 1869
Collier, Ingram Blanks	13 Mar 1878	3 Feb 1879
Collier, Jesse A.	7 Jul 1879	11 Jun 1880
Cone, John W.	8 Jun 1882	3 Jul 1882
Cooke, Robert	29 Mar 1870	2 May 1870
Coppage, William	17 Jun 1868	8 Oct 1873
Council, John L.	7 May 1868	5 Aug 1868
Council, Rebecca Amanda	20 Aug 1874	5 Oct 1874
Covington, E. J.	4 Jul 1879	9 Jul 1879
Craner, Thomas B.	25 Sep 1873	5 Oct 1874
Cranor, Jessey A.	20 Oct 1873	1 Dec 1873
Crockett, Susie J.	6 Nov 1879	1 Mar 1880
Crouse, Mary Ann	21 Apr 1881	1 Aug 1881
Davis, Charles L.	3 Mar 1868	7 Dec 1874
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Davis, Young	6 Feb 1868	1 Aug 1870
Dejarnatt, Daniel M.	19 Feb 1879	6 Aug 1879
Dodsen, Elizabeth	8 Apr 1876	4 Sep 1877
Downing, W. H.	8 Mar 1871	3 May 1881
Duffer, William G.	27 July 1872	10 Dec 1880
	GOD: 12 Nov 1880	
Dunn, John T.	14 Feb 1871	5 Jan 1877
Elliott, Burnett	21 Nov 1868	1 Mar 1869
Elliott, Thomas A.	11 Oct 1875	2 Oct 1876
Elrod, James C.	8 Sep 1868	7 Dec 1868
Floyd, Drury	7 Sep 1868	5 Oct 1868
Floyd, Lucilla	14 Jan 1873	7 Oct 1878
Floyd, Lucinda C.	16 May 1881	7 Nov 1881
Fly, W. D.	23 Nov 1869	7 May 1870
Freeman, Mary W.	16 Apr 1872	3 Jun 1872
Freeman, Samuel	22 Sep 1877	5 Jun 1882
Glenn, William T.	8 Oct 1881	11 Feb 1882
Glymp, William	19 Feb 1874	5 Dec 1877
Gooch, Allen T.	8 Jul 1869	8 Sep 1869
Goodman, Jethro	20 Jul 1876	7 Aug 1876
Gray, Mary	21 Apr 1879	6 Sep 1879
Hale, E. H.	27 Dec 1875	3 Dec 1877
Hall, John W.		8 Oct 1880
Haynes, Thomas H.	22 Jan 1873	1 Dec 1873
Hedgepath, Major	20 Oct 1875	2 Sep 1877
Henderson, Greenville T.	30 July 1874	4 Apr 1888
Hicks, William Dement	30 Jun 1873	12 Jan 1874
Hill, Elvy A.	17 Apr 1877	5 Feb 1878
Hill, W. A.	25 Nov 1875	1875
Hollowell, Joseph	11 May 1878	3 Jun 1878

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Name	DOW	F
Hollowell, Solomon S.	27 Sep 1873	4 Nov 1873
Hoover, Jasper	10 Apr 1881	3 May 1881
Hoover, John L.	4 Jan 1869	8 Sep 1880
Hoover, Mary	25 Jan 1870	6 Nov 1871
Howse, Charles A.	25 Apr 1873	5 Jul 1880
Hughes, Madison R.	5 Feb 1875	3 Dec 1877
	GOD: 25 Feb 1875	
Hunt, Samuel Urich	27 Sep 1878	9 Oct 1878
Jackson, Susan A.	7 May 1877	4 Jun 1877
Jackson, Thomas C.	19 Oct 1880	8 Apr 1881
Jarrett, Thomas O.	8 Apr 1876	4 Dec 1876
	GOD: 23 Nov 1876	
Jenkins, Hiram	26 Nov 1870	2 Jan 1871
	GOD: 28 Nov 1870	
Jones, Caroline	2 Mar 1871	3 Jun 1873
	GOD: 6 Jul 1872	
Jones, Ophelia	8 Jul 1871	2 Oct 1871
Jordan, Isaiah	8 Nov 1873	4 Mar 1874
Keel, Anah	4 Jul 1868	2 Apr 1877
Kerby, W. R.	22 Feb 1869	6 Dec 1880
	GOD: 12 Oct 1870	
Kerr, Alice J.	9 Nov 1869	5 Jan 1871
	GOD: 26 Dec 1870	
Kerr, G. W.	25 Oct 1868	7 Sep 1870
Kimbro, John B.	21 Mar 1872	1 Apr 1872
Kimbro, Nancy A.	8 Jan 1876	6 Oct 1877
Knox, Benjamin	5 Aug 1870	2 Sep 1872
Lamb, George W.	14 Feb 1878	4 Mar 1878
Lamb, Thomas	14 Sep 1876	2 Jul 1877
Landsberger, Moses	2 Sep 1871	8 Nov 1871
Lasater, William M.	11 May 1875	7 Feb 1876
Lawrence, William	4 Apr 1872	3 Jun 1872
Leatherman, Jefferson M.	4 Oct 1873	7 Jan 1878
Long, George	13 Jan 1879	1 Sep 1879
Lyon, Euphemie J.	31 Aug 1875	7 Feb 1876
Lyon, John B.	12 Jan 1874	2 Mar 1874
Lyon, Stephen	7 Jun 1872	5 Aug 1872
Lytle, Robert	21 Jul 1870	3 Sep 1873
Manson, Ann Eliza	2 Jun 1877	5 Apr 1880
Martin, Mary J.	22 Dec 1881	7 May 1883
Martin, William	9 Mar 1870	2 Mar 1874
May Frederick	24 Apr 1868	7 Sep 1868
Miller, Isaac L.	16 Aug 1876	2 Apr 1877
Miller, S. H.	25 Jun 1873	6 Aug 1873
Miller, W. C.	18 Oct 1880	1 Nov 1880
Mitchell, David	17 Jul 1876	7 Jun 1880
McAdoo, Henry	6 Nov 1878	2 Dec 1878
McAdoo, Solon H.	11 Nov 1868	7 Dec 1868
McClaran, Daniel C.	29 Sep 1875	3 Jan 1876
McDaniel, Charles	8 Feb 1871	1 Jun 1874

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Name	DOW	F
McElroy, A. M.	20 Feb 1881	6 Apr 1881
McFarlin, Mary	20 Mar 1873	2 Jun 1873
McHenry, John	28 Dec 1878	3 Feb 1879
McKnight, Iverson W.	24 May 1872	1 Jun 1872
McKnight, Laura M.	28 Aug 1876	6 Nov 1876
McNeill, E. A.	15 Dec 1877	4 Oct 1880
Nance, John N.	27 Apr 1876	6 Dec 1881
Newman, Cassie	13 Sep 1879	1 Dec 1879
Nichols, Mildred	1 Sep 1877	7 Oct 1878
	COD: 18 Sep 1878	
Northcutt, Mary F.	11 Jan 1879	6 Oct 1879
Ott, J. N.	10 Jul 1871	6 Nov 1871
Overall, B. D.	8 Oct 1874	3 Jun 1878
Overall, James G.	24 Apr 1874	1 Jun 1876
Owen, Greenberry R.	3 Nov 1876	2 Aug 1881
Parker, Samuel	14 Apr 1871	7 Aug 1871
Parker, William	4 May 1868	5 May 1868
Pearcy, Algernon	9 Nov 1869	3 Nov 1873
Phelps, Martha	6 May 1869	Feb 1880
Phelps, Phebe	7 Mar 1871	2 Jan 1872
Philips, Dorothy	24 Oct 1870	7 Dec 1881
Pointer, Martha A.	26 Apr 1873	1 Sep 1873
	COD: 30 Jul 1873	
Posey, Livinia	27 Feb 1872	7 May 1878
Ralph, David	16 Jul 1875	7 Feb 1876
Ransom, Alfred C.	17 Jun 1868	6 Jul 1868
Ransom, Lemuel	2 Oct 1868	5 Jul 1869
Reed, Mary	6 Jun 1876	9 Aug 1876
Reed, Robert D.	17 Nov 1881	5 Dec 1881
Reed, W. M.	22 Nov 1875	3 Jan 1876
Reid, Susannah L.	8 Aug 1878	7 Apr 1879
Ridley, Rebecca T.		Nov 1871
Robertson, Thomas	6 Nov 1878	3 Dec 1878
Robinson, Jesse C.	20 Mar 1875	2 Aug 1875
Robinson, Martha	15 Apr 1871	4 Sept 1871
Rogers, Lucy S.	3 Nov 1870	2 Jan 1871
Rosenfeld, Emanuel	18 Oct 1877	6 Feb 1878
Rowland, R. T.	4 Aug 1875	1 Nov 1875
	COD: 18 Sept 1875	
Russell, Amanda C.	10 Feb 1871	6 Nov 1871
Russell, Daniel D.	16 Apr 1874	6 Jul 1874
Sanders, Cornelius	19 Oct 1874	7 Dec 1874
Sanders, John	2 May 1874	5 Oct 1874
Sanders, Mary A.	4 Nov 1880	9 Apr 1881
Sandford, George W.	12 May 1870	6 Feb 1871
Shelton, John	12 Oct 1871	3 Feb 1872
Shelton, Merit	30 Mar 1872	3 Jun 1872
Shelton, Samuel	26 Mar 1877	4 Mar 1878
Short, Anderson	15 Jan 1872	6 Nov 1876
Sims, Kitty C.	14 May 1872	5 Mar 1877
	COD: 27 Feb 1877	

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Name	DOW	F
Slack, Martha	15 Apr 1870	6 Oct 1875
Smith, Benjamin	5 Dec 1873	10 Mar 1882
	COD: 23 Dec 1875	COD: 22 Sep 1880
Smith, D. D.	22 Nov 1873	2 Feb 1874
Smith, Elizabeth	13 Apr 1881	1 Aug 1881
Smith, Julia A.	26 Jun 1873	7 Jul 1873
Smith, Lillian A.	4 Apr 1879	7 Jan 1880
Smith, Sterling Henderson	10 Feb 1872	2 Apr 1872
Smith, William Hunter	13 Feb 1871	2 Oct 1871
Smotherman, R. M.	8 Dec 1873	8 Apr 1874
Span, William	13 Aug 1877	9 Apr 1881
Stovall, J. D.	1 Nov 1877	3 Dec 1877
Stroop, John	12 Feb 1872	8 May 1877
Summers, Abner	2 Jun 1875	5 Jun 1876
Suttle, Ellis	6 Dec 1868	4 Aug 1873
Thompson, John M.	23 Dec 1868	1 Feb 1869
Thompson, Joseph	26 Jan 1869	5 Apr 1869
Tompkins, James M.	10 Feb 1870	6 Jun 1870
Travis, F. M.	2 Apr 1879	3 Sep 1879
Traylor, Dorothy A.	23 Apr 1879	5 Jan 1880
Vaughan, Maria A.	20 Oct 1874	7 Apr 1875
Vaughan, Narcissa	15 Jul 1869	2 Jun 1873
Vaught, James	Aug 1879	6 Oct 1879
Wade, Richard W.	6 Aug 1869	9 Jan 1880
Walden, John		6 Nov 1871
Welch, Nicholas	16 Jan 1871	
Wendel, David D.	22 Apr 1873	5 May 1873
Windrow, Travis	2 Dec 1873	2 Feb 1874
Winsett, Celia F.	10 Feb 1873	1 Sep 1873
Winsett, Jack	9 Nov 1878	2 Dec 1878
Winsett, Temperance	15 Sep 1875	1 Nov 1876
Winston, Samuel	26 May 1868	2 Jun 1868
Womack, Mary Jane	11 Dec 1872	7 Apr 1873
Woodson, Elizabeth	7 Nov 1877	5 Oct 1880
Worke, Matilda D.	26 Jan 1869	5 Apr 1869
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